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## Violence in east Jerusalem clouds Mideast peace efforts

**Amasked Palestinian youth uses a slingshot to hurl stones at Israeli police officers during clashes at the east Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan, Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010. Violence erupted after a 32-year-old Palestinian laborer was killed by a private security guard watching over Jewish families in the Silwan neighborhood in east Jerusalem. During the man's funeral, a mob of protesters set fires on fire, smashed the windows of several buses and called for revenge.**

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**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Crowds of Palestinian youths violently rampaged in east Jerusalem Wednesday following the shooting death of a local man, clouding fragile peace efforts even as the Palestinian president signaled he may back away from threats to quit negotiations if Israel resumes West Bank

settlement construction.

At one point, Israeli riot police stormed the hilltop compound known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary — the most explosive site in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the place where the last Palestinian uprising began almost exactly 10 years ago.

That uprising — which killed thousands

of people over some five years of violence — erupted after a failed U.S.-led peace effort at Camp David. Wednesday's outburst comes less than a month after the sides resumed peace negotiations, at a tense moment when those talks are already facing possible collapse over Israel's plans to end its 10-month slowdown of construction in the Jewish settlements of the West Bank.

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# Virginia set to execute woman for the first time in 98 years

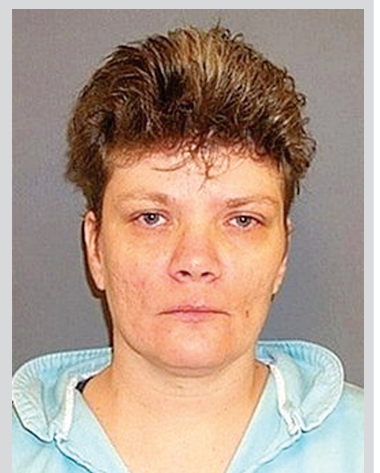
Virginia is slated to execute Teresa Lewis by lethal injection on Thursday, The Associated Press reported. The 41-year-old woman was sentenced to die after pleading guilty to capital murder for hiring two men to kill her husband and stepson so she could collect a \$250,000 life insurance policy.

Rodney Fuller and Lewis' lover, Matthew Shallenberger, entered her home on Oct. 30, 2002, and fatally shot Julian Clifton, Jr., 51, and Charles Lewis, 25. Teresa then rummaged through her husband's pockets for money while he was dying. She also waited nearly an hour before calling 911. The triggermen were sentenced to life for the slayings, The New York Daily News reported; however, Shallenberger committed suicide in prison in 2006.

If Lewis' execution takes place, as planned, it will be the first time a woman has been put to death in Virginia since

the 1912 execution of Virginia Christian. According to the book "Women and the Death Penalty in the United States" by Kathleen A. O'Shea, the 17-year-old African-American maid was convicted of killing her white employer, Ida Virginia Belote, with a broom handle during a fight. Christian then stuffed a towel down Belote's throat, suffocating her, and left the house with the woman's purse, money and a gold locket, The Guardian reported. She confessed to the crime shortly after being caught, and died in the electric chair five months later.

Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell has denied Lewis' request for clemency. Earlier this week, the U.S. Supreme Court also refused to block her execution. To date, only 11 women have been executed in the United States since capital punishment was reinstated in 1976. □



**41-year-old Teresa Lewis, seen here in this undated handout from the Virginia Department of Corrections. The US Supreme Court has rejected a last-minute reprieve for the Virginia woman on death row, now likely to become the first female in the state to be executed in almost 100 years.**



# World's oldest man marks 114th birthday in US



GREAT FALLS, Montana – A Montana resident believed to be the world's oldest man celebrated his 114th birthday Tuesday at a retirement home in Great Falls.

Walter Breuning was born on Sept. 21, 1896, in Melrose, Minnesota, and moved to Montana in 1918, where he worked as a clerk for the Great Northern Railway for 50 years.

His wife, Agnes, a railroad telegraph operator from Butte, died in 1957. The couple had no children.

Breuning inherited the distinction of being the world's oldest man in July 2009 when Briton Henry Allingham died at age 113. Allingham had joked that the secret to long life was "Cigarettes, whisky and wild, wild women and a good

sense of humor," according to Guinness World Records. The Guinness organization and the Gerontology Research Group each have verified Breuning as the world's oldest man and the fourth-oldest person. Three women were born earlier in the same year as Breuning. Robert Young, senior consultant for gerontology for Guinness World Records, presented Breuning with a copy of the book's 2011 edition that lists him as the record holder.

"Walter wasn't in last year's edition," Young joked. "He was too young."

The Great Falls Tribune reported that Breuning gave a speech before about 100 people at an invitation-only birthday party at the Rainbow Retirement Community, with a guest list that included Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer

and representatives from Guinness World Records.

Breuning was helped up to a lectern from his motorized cart, appearing somewhat frail but speaking with a strong voice.

He recalled "the dark ages," when his family moved to South Dakota in 1901 and lived for 11 years without electricity, water or plumbing.

"Carry the water in. Heat it on the stove. That's what you took your bath with. Wake up in the dark. Go to bed in the dark.

That's not very pleasant," he said.

He said men and women may be able to enjoy life, but they can't be content without a belief or faith. His parting message to the crowd was one of tolerance.

"With all the hatred in this world, in this good world, let us be kind to one another,"

Breuning said.

Breuning has celebrity status at the retirement home, with visitors waiting in line to see him, Ray Milversted, 92, told the Tribune.

Tina Bundtrock, executive director of the Rainbow, said the home has adopted a policy of scheduling visits with Breuning by appointment, so he's not taxed by people dropping in to see him.

Before his birthday party, Breuning declined to name a favorite among the 114 years he has seen.

"Every year is the same," Breuning told the Great Falls newspaper.

But he criticized one modern invention the computer.

"When the computer came out, that was one of the worst things," Breuning said. "They laid off all the clerks on the railroad."

But, he added, "Every change is good." □



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# Atlanta megachurch head denies sex with young men

ATLANTA — The prominent pastor of a 25,000-member megachurch near Atlanta denies allegations in a lawsuit that he coerced two young men from the congregation into a sexual relationship, his attorney said.

Lawyers for the men, now 20 and 21, say they filed the lawsuit Tuesday in DeKalb County Court against Bishop Eddie Long. The Associated Press generally does not identify people who say they were victims of sexual impropriety.

President George W. Bush and three former presidents visited the sprawling New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in the Atlanta suburb of Lithonia for the 2006 funeral of Coretta Scott King, the widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Long introduced the speakers and the Rev. Bernice King, the Kings' younger daughter, delivered the eulogy. She is also a pastor there.

The men who filed the suit were 17- and 18-year-old members of the church when they say Long abused his spiritual authority to seduce them with cars, money, clothes, jewelry, international trips and access to celebrities.

Craig Gillen, Long's attorney, says the pastor "categorically

denies the allegations."

"We find it unfortunate that these two young men would take this course of action," Gillen said late Tuesday after news of the lawsuit broke. He said Long had not yet been served with copies of the lawsuits.

Long has called for a national ban on same-sex marriage and his church counsels gay members to become straight. In 2004, he led a march with Bernice King to her father's Atlanta grave to support a national constitutional amendment to protect marriage "between one man and one woman."

He also has released several gospel albums, authored books on relationships and spirituality, and hosts a weekly television program.

B.J. Bernstein, an attorney representing the plaintiffs, said she opened her investigation after getting a call from one of the boys. She said her law office is now broadening the investigation. "We are taking calls and we do believe, based on what the boys' statements are, that there are other victims," she said.

Although the relationships started when the plaintiffs were past the legal age of consent in Georgia which is

16 she said Long abused his "spiritual authority" to coerce her clients into engaging in sexual acts.

Bernstein also said that Bishop made an excessive number of phone calls and e-mails to her clients. She said most of the notes were not crude, but several of them asked the clients to send him pictures. She said she will subpoena Long for his records.

"It's an irrational number of contacts," she said.

When asked about a possible motive for the accusations, Gillen referred to a break-in at Long's office in June. Bernstein said one of the plaintiffs is facing a criminal burglary charge in the incident, but she said the break-in was a way of lashing out at Long.

Bernstein said she contacted the U.S. Attorney's Office earlier this month when she became aware of the young men's allegations. She did not know what action, if any, the agency planned to take. She said she did not contact DeKalb County authorities because Long and his church have strong ties to county officials. Patrick Crosby, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta, would not comment on whether federal prosecutors



are investigating Long.

Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John Bankhead said Wednesday his office wasn't investigating. And Orzy Theus of the DeKalb County District Attorney's office said Wednesday that county prosecutors do not plan to be involved.

"That's a civil matter. They were over the age of consent, that's not a criminal matter," said Theus.

Long was appointed pastor of New Birth in 1987. Then, the church had about 150 members.

Less than four years later, the church had grown to more than 8,000 members. Athletes and entertainers claim membership at the church.

Long's church was among those named in 2007 in a Senate committee's investigation into a half-dozen Christian ministries over their financing.

Today, New Birth sits on 250 acres and has more than 25,000 members, a \$50 million, 10,000-seat cathedral and more than 40 ministries including the Longfellow's Youth Academy, a tuition-based program for young men 13 to 18.

The New Birth campus was quiet Wednesday morning, with no unusual activity. Administrative staff referred media inquiries to Long's spokesman and people at the church declined to comment on the situation. □

## Woman says DA harassed her as she sought pardon

MADISON, Wis. — Maria Ruskiewicz had turned her life around after she was convicted on a marijuana charge in 1997.

She earned two college degrees and had been accepted to law school. But she needed a pardon to wipe away her felony from her troubled teenage years.

Standing in her way, she said Tuesday, was Calumet County District Attorney Ken Kratz, who had prosecuted her and whose support was critical as she asked Gov. Jim Doyle for a pardon. Kratz agreed to support her, she said, but soon wanted something in return.

Ruskiewicz said Kratz sent her inappropriate text messages implying he wanted to have a sexual relationship with her in 2008 while her pardon request was pending. Ruskiewicz, an Oklahoma City University law student, is the third woman in the past week to accuse Kratz of inappropriate behavior as district attorney.

Kratz has acknowledged sending 30 text messages in three days last year

to a domestic abuse victim while he was prosecuting her ex-boyfriend. In the messages, Kratz asked whether the woman was "the kind of girl that likes secret contact with an older married elected DA," and called her a "tall, young, hot nymph."

A second woman complained to Doyle's office last week that Kratz invited her to an autopsy after they went to dinner in January, "provided I act as his girlfriend and would wear high heels and a skirt."

Ruskiewicz said in her case, the messages upset her and she wanted them to end, but she also didn't want to anger someone who held power over her future.

Eventually, she said, she told Kratz she wasn't interested and he stopped. Gov. Jim Doyle pardoned her last month.

"The reason why I'm coming forward is he abuses his power, not only with women, but with women in certain situations who are extremely vulnerable to his authority," Ruskiewicz, 31, told

The Associated Press.

Kratz's attorney, Bob Craanen, questioned Wednesday why Ruskiewicz did not report Kratz's behavior to Wisconsin's Office of Lawyer Regulation if it was so serious. He dismissed the idea she was worried he would withdraw support for the pardon.

"That would look very peculiar if a recommendation was pulled after you complained," Craanen said. He added, "She could have done this when she got her pardon a month ago and didn't. She could have at any time."

Craanen said he had no idea whether Ruskiewicz's claims are true and had difficulty reaching Kratz, who is at an in-patient treatment center. Craanen would not say what Kratz is being treated for.

He said Kratz was remorseful for the way he treated the domestic abuse victim who he "sexed" last year. The woman's attorney, Michael Fox, said he intends to file a lawsuit on her behalf.



Craanen said the others coming forward since the first woman's story became public "are driven by financial opportunity." He has denied allegations Kratz invited the second woman to witness the autopsy.

Kratz announced Monday he was going on medical leave indefinitely. He has rejected calls to resign from lawmakers, his peers and victims' advocates.

Doyle said he planned to start the process to consider removing Kratz from office and said he hopes to make a decision in a month. □



# Obama faults himself for not selling health law



President Barack Obama greets Gail O'Brien, from Keene, N.H., in the backyard of a private residence in Falls Church, Va., Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010, to discuss the Patient's Bill of Rights and health care reform. Earlier this year, O'Brien was diagnosed with high grade non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and had no health insurance.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

By ERICA WERNER,  
Associated Press Writer

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Blaming himself for coolness to his health care overhaul, President Barack Obama is seeking to reintroduce the law to voters who don't much like or understand it six months after he signed it.

The White House gathered patients from around the country who have benefited from the measure, and the president rolled up his sleeves to address them Wednesday in a sunny Virginia backyard, highlighting changes that take effect at the six-month mark on Thursday. These include a ban on lifetime coverage limits, as well as free coverage for preventive care and immunizations. Young adults will be able to stay on their parents' plans until they turn 26, and kids with pre-existing health conditions won't be denied coverage.

"We just got to give people some basic peace of mind," the president said,

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart," Norma Byrne of Vineland, N.J., told the president, explaining she was benefiting from the law's provisions that are closing a Medicare coverage gap for prescription drugs. But such gratitude isn't the norm. A new Associated Press poll finds high levels of misunderstanding about what's actually in the law, and more people opposed than in support. And with crucial midterm elections six weeks away,

the only Democrats running ads about the historic legislation are the ones who voted "no." "The six-month anniversary of ObamaCare will be a lonely one for President Obama and congressional Democrats," Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele said Wednesday. "The president's plan was unpopular when it was passed in March, and today the wholesale takeover of the American health care system is undeniably radioactive."

Obama ruefully told his listeners, "Sometimes I fault myself for not being able to make the case more clearly to the country." Still, he took on Republicans who want to repeal the law, daring them to tell that to a cancer patient covered by a new high-risk pool, or a parent whose child was able to get insurance despite a pre-existing health condition.

"It makes sense in terms of politics and polls," Obama said of the GOP position. "It doesn't make sense in terms of actually making people's lives better."

Yet politics and polls are a major concern for Democrats who are on the ballot in November — elections for every House seat and a third of the Senate. And Democrats aren't seeing the political benefit Obama promised them when he told them they'd be proud to campaign on the measure. In the House, 219 Democrats voted for the health bill, but the party's only House members highlighting their votes in ad campaigns are a few of the 34 who opposed the measure and can now boast of their independence.

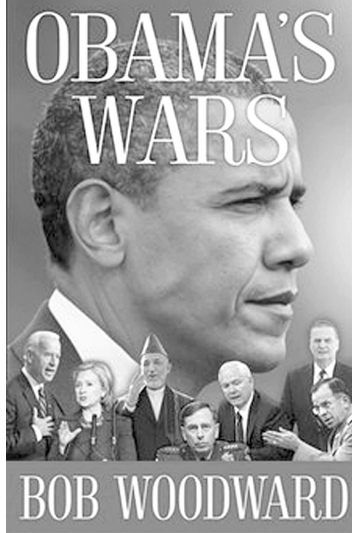
The White House is playing down the significance of the new law as a campaign issue.

"Health care will play a role in individual campaigns, but this is not an election about health care," Dan Pfeiffer, White House communications director, said in an interview. "This is an election about jobs and the economy."

Agreeing that the economy is the foremost concern, Obama nonetheless insisted Wednesday, "Health care was one of those issues that we could no longer ignore."

The president dug deep into his own history as he sought to relate to voters. As he has in the past, the president described his mother's struggle with the ovarian cancer that killed her, wondering aloud whether she might have had a better outcome with better insurance coverage. He talked about younger daughter Sasha's bout of meningitis, and his feeling of desperation. He said he had thought to himself, "What if I hadn't had insurance?" The new AP poll finds just 30 percent of people in favor of and 40 percent opposed to the 10-year, nearly \$1 trillion law to extend health coverage to 32 million uninsured.

Another 30 percent were neither in favor nor opposed. □



## Book says aides doubt Obama's Afghan strategy

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's top advisers spent much of the past 20 months arguing about policy and turf, according to a new book, with some top members of his national security team doubting the president's strategy in Afghanistan will work. The book, "Obama's Wars," by journalist Bob Woodward, says Obama aides were deeply divided over the war in Afghanistan even as the president agreed to triple troop levels there. Obama's top White House adviser on Afghanistan and his special envoy for the region are described as believing the strategy will not work. According to the book, Obama said, "I have two years with the public on this" and pressed advisers for ways to avoid a big escalation in the Afghanistan war.

"I want an exit strategy," he said at one meeting. Privately, he told Vice President Joe Biden to push his alternative strategy opposing a big troop buildup in meetings.

While Obama ultimately rejected the alternative plan, the book says, he set a withdrawal timetable because, "I can't lose the whole Democratic Party."

A White House official said Wednesday that the president is accurately portrayed in the book as an analytical, strategic, and decisive leader. The official said the book doesn't reveal anything new about the U.S. strategy in Afghanistan, nor should it be a surprise that there was vigorous debate within the administration during the development of that strategy. □

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# North Dakota lake swallows land and buildings

By DAVE KOLPACK,

Associated Press Writer

DEVILS LAKE, N.D. — It's been called a slow-growing monster: a huge lake that has steadily expanded over the last 20 years, swallowing up thousands of acres, hundreds of buildings and at least two towns in its rising waters. Devils Lake keeps getting larger because it has no natural river or stream to carry away excess rain and snowmelt. Now it has climbed within 6 feet of overflowing, raising fears that some downstream communities could be washed away if the water level isn't reduced.

And those worries are compounded by another problem: Scientists believe the pattern of heavy rain and snow that filled the basin is likely to continue for at least another decade.

"It's a slow-moving torture," said 72-year-old Joe Belford, a lifelong resident of Devils Lake and a county commissioner who spends most of his time seeking a way to control the flooding and money to pay for

it.

No other place in America has faced such a dilemma. The nation's only other significant "closed-basin" lake is the Great Salt Lake, which was in danger of flooding housing developments in the mid-1980s. But shortly after the state spent \$70 million on huge pumps, a dry spell began. Those pumps now stand idle. "We're unfortunately or fortunately — I don't know what it is — pretty unique," said Dick Johnson, mayor of Devils Lake, which has nearly 7,000 residents. The constant flooding "doesn't have the immediate impact that a hurricane or typhoon might have, but it's devastating."

Since the water began rising in the early 1990s, more than 400 homes around the lake have been relocated or destroyed.

The lake, about 160 miles northwest of Fargo, is the largest freshwater body in North Dakota, with an estimated shoreline of at least 1,000 miles. It's up to 75 feet deep and has attracted tourists from across the nation with

excellent fishing and other recreational activities.

But local people and politicians are fretting that the lake is a catastrophic flood waiting to be released in their direction.

In the tiny town of Minnewaukan, the lake was once 8 miles away. Today it is lapping at the community from three sides, and residents are begging for help.

"This is tearing people apart," said Minnewaukan Mayor Trish McQuoid, fighting back tears. Proposals include moving the entire town to higher ground.

On Monday, the lake stood at just over 1,451 feet above sea level.

If it climbs above 1,458 feet, its water will spill into the Sheyenne River, which flows through southeastern North Dakota before it joins the north-flowing Red River and heads into Canada.

Among the threatened communities along the Sheyenne is Valley City, west of Fargo. The mayor there said a spillover could raise the river more than 5 feet above



In this Aug. 24, 2010, photo is a house on the southeast side of Devils Lake in North Dakota, threatened by high waters and erosion. The house is expected to be bought out by the federal government in the next month. About 400 homes around Devils Lake have been relocated or destroyed flood waters.

(AP Photo/Dave Kolpack)

a record 2009 flood, which forced most of the town's 6,300 residents to evacuate. That might flood up to half the city.

By the end of 2010, the federal government will have spent more than \$1 billion to ease the threat, buying flooded property, building dikes and making other improvements. That figure does not include a \$27 million floodwater-diversion channel built by the state on the west end of the

lake. It also costs \$330,000 a month for the electricity for pumps to take 1 inch off the lake. All of those measures are considered temporary. The final solution — and its cost — is not known.

"The issue of stopping the flooding and trying to get water out of that lake is complicated," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, a North Dakota Democrat. "If it weren't complicated, it would have been solved long ago."

Devils Lake has nearly quadrupled in size since the early 1990s, flooding nearly 150,000 acres of land, inundating a million trees and destroying hundreds of homes and farm buildings.

Many of those who lost property to the water were eventually bought out by the state or federal governments. The buyouts included the two tiny towns of Penn and Churchs Ferry, although some people remain in both communities.

Scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey say there's no way to predict exactly when a normal weather cycle will return. But the agency's models show a 72 percent chance that the current pattern will continue for at least 10 years.

Climate studies based on tree rings and lake sediment indicate that similar wet periods occurred in the Devils Lake Basin many times during the past 2,000 years, the agency said. The last time the lake overflowed was sometime prior to statehood in 1889. □

## Police: Indiana kids died after 10 hours in closet



INDIANAPOLIS — A woman charged in the deaths of two of her children allegedly locked them and three siblings inside a small closet and left to visit a friend, returning about 10 hours later to find the boy and girl dead inside.

An Indianapolis police report released Tuesday said Edyan Farah, 28, told officers she "was not in her right mind" when she allegedly put her five children in an upstairs closet about 6 a.m. Sunday and placed a large bed in front of the door so they couldn't get out.

Police said the closet was about 6 feet long and 18 inches deep. Farah, an immigrant from Somalia, found her 5-year-old daughter, Zuhur, and 3-year-old son, Zakariya, "stiff and unresponsive" when she returned home about 10 1/2 hours later and opened the closet, the report said. She told officers she then carried them downstairs, but did not call 911 or try to revive them, according to the report.

Lt. Jeff Duhamell said the three surviving children a 7-year-old girl and boys ages 5 and 1 are now in foster care. "It's just a very, very sad case," he said. "It's one of the worst ones I've seen to be placed in closet approximately 18 inches by 6 feet and a bed pushed up against it for a minimum of 10 hours. We think possibly a lot longer and probably not for the first time."

On Monday, Farah was charged with two preliminary counts of neglect of a dependent resulting in death.

She remained jailed Tuesday at the Marion County Jail on a \$200,000 bond. Susan Decker, a spokeswoman for the county prosecutor's office, said Farah will appear in court Wednesday to be advised of her rights but that prosecutors have requested 72 more hours to prepare formal charges.

Decker said she did not know whether Farah had an attorney. She said the prosecutor's office had no comment on the case, adding that "everything is still under investigation at this point."

An autopsy performed Monday did not show how the boy and girl died and toxicology results that could reveal that would take three to four weeks, said chief deputy coroner Alfarena Ballew. She said coroner's office investigators returned to the apartment Tuesday to re-examine the scene.

Police and neighbors said the siblings appeared malnourished, but Ballew said that while the two children's

bodies were thin, she did not consider them to be emaciated or malnourished.

The police report said Farah told detectives that after locking the children in the closet she left the apartment to first speak to a neighbor, then went with that woman to her apartment in the same complex.

Authorities were called to the two-story apartment at Manchester Village Apartments about four hours after Farah said she returned and found the two bodies.

The report said a family friend had grown concerned that Farah was "acting strangely" and would not allow anyone into the apartment for hours after she returned.

The report said the wife of that friend the woman Farah had visited with called Farah's uncle to the complex and that when the uncle looked into an open door in the apartment he saw what appeared to be a dead child on a couch. □



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## PEACE EFFORS

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The “moratorium” on construction was declared last November under intense U.S. pressure to help coax the Palestinians into talks with the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who — despite having accepted the principle of a Palestinian state — inspires very little faith in the Palestinians. Netanyahu said all along that the measure would end on Sunday — and the Palestinians have threatened to walk away from the talks if this occurs.

The impasse and looming deadline have created a palpable tension that has built throughout the week.

On Monday, Israel’s deputy premier made a public call on the Palestinians to abandon their demand, casting such a move as a mutual “compromise” in which Israel might retain some of the restrictions. On Tuesday, Israel’s military chief warned that a collapse of the talks could well lead to violence.

Meanwhile, the Israeli political system braced for either outcome. If Netanyahu backs down and extends the freeze, troubles with his pro-settler coalition partners are likely and he would have to persuade the centrist Kadima party to join the coalition.

If he doesn’t and the talks break down, Israel’s international standing would suffer — alongside the possibility of renewed violence with the Palestinians.

A glimmer of hope arrived from the United States, where Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas indicated a possible softening of his position in a Tuesday night address to prominent American Jewish figures.

“I cannot say I will leave the

negotiations, but it’s very difficult for me to resume talks if Prime Minister Netanyahu declares that he will continue his (settlement) activity in the West Bank and Jerusalem,” Abbas said, according to a transcript of the event obtained by The Associated Press.

The Palestinian ambassador to the United Nations later said Abbas’ comments had been misconstrued and Abbas was still ready to walk away.

“The position of the president is still the same,” Riyadh Mansour said. But he stopped short of a denial, and the S. Daniel Abraham Center for Middle East Peace, which sponsored the meeting, said the comments were recorded and Abbas was speaking in English. In Israel the story led news reports — before being overtaken by the ominous outburst of violence.

Clashes erupted in the Silwan neighborhood shortly after a 32-year-old Palestinian man was killed by a private Israeli security guard watching over Jewish families in the area. About 70 ultranationalist Jewish families live in Silwan, amid some 50,000 Palestinian residents.

Israeli police said the man, Samir Sirhan, had a criminal record and was shot overnight after a group of youths pelted the guard with stones. But residents said that Sirhan, a father of five young children, was unlikely to have participated in the violence. They also noted he was killed at about 4 a.m., an unlikely time for stone throwing.

After the shooting, rioting spread throughout Silwan and to the nearby walled Old City, intensifying during the man’s funeral.

Young men and boys with their faces covered with T-shirts to avoid identification set fire to



**Two ultra-Orthodox Jewish men protect themselves inside a bus from Palestinian rioters outside Jerusalem’s Old City, Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010. Violence erupted after a 32-year-old Palestinian laborer was killed by a private security guard watching over Jewish families in the Silwan neighborhood in east Jerusalem. During the man’s funeral, a mob of protesters set tires on fire, smashed the windows of several buses and called for revenge.**

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garbage bins and tires, sending plumes of smoke across the crammed neighborhood.

They hurled concrete chunks and rocks at paramilitary police and demanded revenge. “We will defend you with our blood and souls, martyr,” protesters chanted.

Police responded by firing off rounds of acrid tear gas, which wafted through the area.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said police moved into the disputed compound after stone throwers attacked Jewish worshippers at the adjacent Western Wall, the holiest prayer site for Jews.

A Muslim eyewitness on the compound said the clashes were brief.

The area was crowded with people for the beginning of the seven-day Jewish festival of Sukkot — one of the three Jewish pilgrimage festivals during which Jews in biblical times would flock

to Jerusalem. Rosenfeld said the stone throwers fled into the Al Aqsa Mosque, Islam’s third holiest site, and after a standoff for several minutes, riot forces pulled back without further incident.

A teenage boy held the hand of Sirhan’s four-year-old son Sultan, taking him to where clashes were taking place. Later he walked among the protesters waving a large Palestinian flag.

“Kill the Jews!” he chanted, at the prompting of an elderly relative.

In other unrest, Palestinian youths overturned three cars with passengers inside, in one case dragging a man out of his vehicle and stabbing him. They smashed the windows of five buses, forcing passengers on one of them to flee, and a paramilitary police jeep was set on fire and destroyed.

Ten Israelis were wounded, including the stabbing victim

who was seriously hurt, police said. Palestinian medics said 14 people were lightly hurt. By early evening, sporadic riots were still taking place.

The Association for Civil Rights in Israel, an Israeli advocacy group, recently wrote in a report that Israeli security firms act like a private police force for Silwan’s Jewish residents. It said the firms often receive government funding and frequently use threats and violence against Arab residents, while police are reluctant to intervene.

The violence underscored the difficulty of bringing true peace to Jerusalem — which will perhaps be the thorniest issue in the peace talks launched this month under U.S. aegis, with President Barack Obama saying he hoped for agreement within a year. Other challenges will be the future of Palestinian refugees and borders. □



# UN experts: Israel flotilla raid broke international law

FRANK JORDANS

Associated Press Writer

GENEVA (AP) — A report by three U.N.-appointed human rights experts Wednesday said that Israeli forces violated international law when they raided a Gaza-bound aid flotilla killing nine activists earlier this year.

The U.N. Human Rights Council's fact-finding mission concluded that Israel's naval blockade of the Palestinian territory was unlawful because of the humanitarian crisis there, and described the military raid on the flotilla as brutal and disproportionate.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry responded late Wednesday by saying the Human Rights Council, which commissioned the report, had a "biased, politicized and extremist approach."

The Islamic militant group Hamas that controls Gaza, meanwhile, praised the report and called for those involved in the raid to be punished.

The 56-page document lists a series of alleged crimes committed by Israeli forces during and after the raid, including willful killing and torture, and claims there is "clear evidence to support prosecutions." ure.

"A series of violations of international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law, were committed by the Israeli forces during the interception of the flotilla and during the detention of passengers in Israel prior to deportation," the experts found.

Examining the circumstances of the raid, the panel concluded that a humanitarian crisis existed in Gaza on the day of the incident in Gaza and "for this reason alone the blockade is unlawful and cannot be sustained in law."

Israel imposed a blockade on Gaza after Hamas militants violently seized control of the coastal territory from the moderate Palestinian Fatah party in 2007. Israel allows humanitarian aid and goods into Gaza via land crossings after inspection for weapons.

"The conduct of the Israeli military and other personnel toward the flotilla passengers

was not only disproportionate to the occasion but demonstrated levels of totally unnecessary and incredible violence. It betrayed an unacceptable level of brutality," the report said.

It described the Israeli raid on May 31, in which eight Turkish activists and one Turkish-American aboard the Mavi Marmara were shot and killed, as "clearly unlawful." "The report published today is as biased and as one sided as the body that has produced it," the Israeli Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Israel says its troops opened fire after coming under attack by activists wielding clubs, axes and metal rods. Soldiers rappelled on to the deck armed with non-lethal paintball guns as their primary weapons. They said they only resorted to using their handguns after they were assaulted.

The activists said they were defending their ship after it was attacked by Israeli soldiers in international waters.

The raid sparked an international outcry and forced Israel to ease its blockade of Hamas-ruled Gaza. Israel, along with Egypt, imposed the embargo in June 2007 after Hamas militants took control of the area.

Since then, Israel has lifted virtually all restrictions on food, medicine and consumer goods, but still maintains its naval blockade, saying that Hamas could sneak weapons into Gaza.

Israel indicated early on that it wouldn't cooperate with the panel and roundly rejected its conclusions on Wednesday. "The Human Rights Council blamed Israel prior to the investigation and it is no surprise that they condemn after," said Andy David, a spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry, referring to the 47-member body's resolution in early June condemning the raid.

Israel has instead been working with a separate U.N. group under New Zealand's former Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer and Colombia's former President Alvaro Uribe that is also examining the incident but has yet to publish its findings.

"Israel is a democratic and law abiding country that carefully observes international law and, when need be, knows how to investigate itself," the Foreign Ministry said. "That is how Israel has always acted, and that is the way in which investigations were conducted following Operation Cast Lead, launched to protect the inhabitants of southern Israel from rockets and terror attacks carried out by Hamas from Gaza."

Fawzi Barhoum, a spokesman for Hamas — the Islamic militant group that controls Gaza — said the report emphasized that Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories violates human rights "not only against Palestinian people but against innocent people who came to



Israeli-Arab Knesset member Hanin Zoabi gestures as she talks to the media in Amman, Jordan, Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, after being interviewed by investigators from a U.N. human rights inquiry on the May 31 flotilla attack. Zoabi has told U.N. investigators probing Israel's deadly raid on an aid flotilla bound for the Gaza Strip that its commandos were on a mission to kill.

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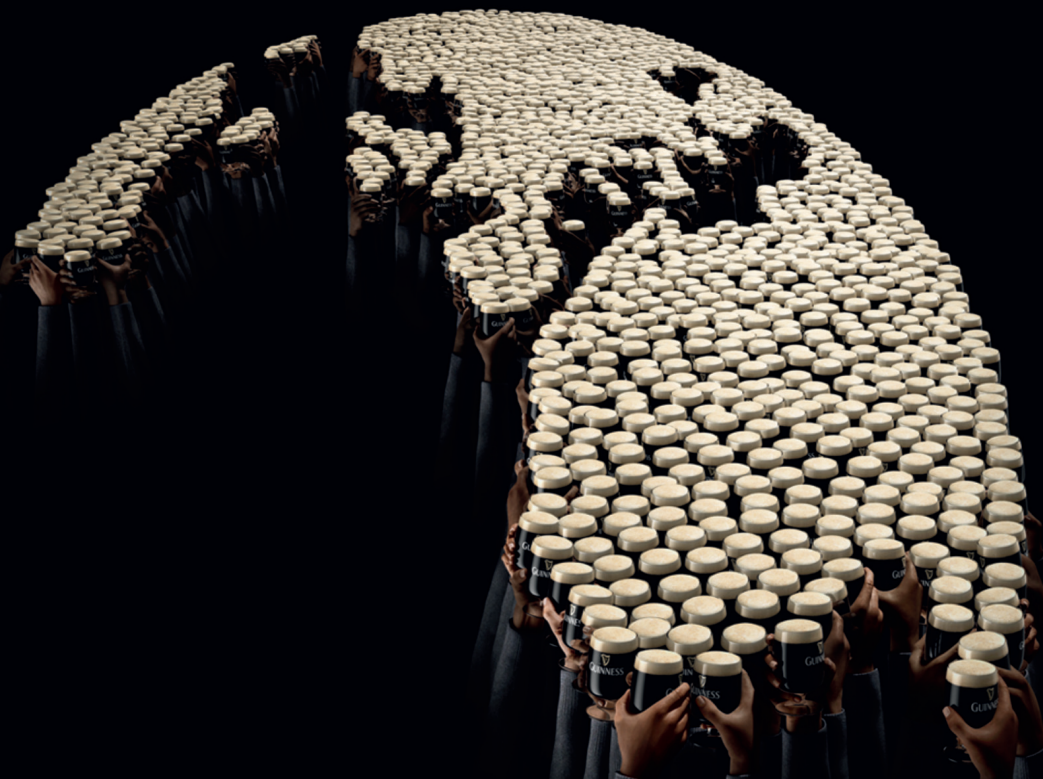
show their sympathy."

"Now it's required to be a mechanism in order to translate this report into action

and to bring the occupation commanders to trial for the crimes they committed,"

Barhoum said. □

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# Police chief: Threat of attack on France hits peak

JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP) — France is facing a “peak” terror threat, and authorities suspect al-Qaida’s North African affiliate of plotting a conventional bomb attack on a crowded target, according to the national police chief.

The warning from National Police Chief Frederic Pechenard came Wednesday, on the eve of national protests that unions hope will send millions into city streets, and was the latest warning in a recent drumbeat from French officials that the public needs to be more alert about terrorism.

“France is today under threat. For that matter, French people need to get used to it,” he told Europe-1 radio. “We’re now facing a peak threat that can’t be doubted. There is a specific threat against French interests.”

“We have serious indications, coming from reliable intelligence, saying that there’s an important risk of an attack,” he said, adding that al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, or AQIM, “is targeting us in particular.”

Last week, there was a false bomb alert at the Eiffel Tower, and investigators are looking

into an anonymous phone call that prompted police to evacuate the most-visited monument in the tourism-oriented country.

AQIM claimed responsibility for last week’s abduction of five French nationals and two Africans in northern Niger. Pechenard said the group isn’t thought to have the means to launch a nuclear or biological attack in France, but could carry out assassinations or attacks using conventional explosives.

“In order to do the maximum possible damage (such an attack) would be likely to happen in a place where there are lots of people, which could be the public transit system, a department store or a gathering,” Pechenard said. Last week, the French Senate voted to ban burqa-style Islamic veils in France, a subject that has prompted warnings by AQIM.

Counterterrorism officials in France say the ban is just one of several factors that have made France a target of the group. Another was France’s military logistical support for a July raid by Mauritanian forces against the group that left six of its militants dead. AQIM has its base in a vast swath of African desert.



The video monitors and computer screens display various Paris sites in the underground security central command center of the Paris prefecture, in Paris, Wednesday Sept. 22, 2010. Police say the threat of a terrorist attack on French soil is at its highest as authorities suspect al-Qaida’s North African affiliate may be plotting a conventional bomb attack on a crowded target.

On Thursday, hundreds of thousands are expected to take to the streets across France for demonstrations against the government’s pension reform. A previous round of protests earlier this month brought more than 1 million people out.

Pechenard said he didn’t believe the protests would be a terrorist target.

But in an underground nerve center at Paris police headquarters, agents were bracing for any possibility, laying out maps of the planned march route in the capital and going over deployment plans. Olivier Bagousse, who runs the Paris police department’s Command and Information Center, said authorities have stepped up their alert level following recent intelligence that France is under high

threat.

“For the last few weeks, we have been particularly sensitive. Our staffers have been encouraged anew to be on the lookout,” he told The Associated Press in a restricted-access zone at police headquarters, which sits across the square from Notre Dame Cathedral. “We are very vigilant.”

The center resembles a small-scale police version of NASA’s Mission Control: Officers plot police positions on a big-screen electronic city map — think Google Maps — and keep tabs on a wall of TV monitors feeding in video from some of the 400 closed-circuit cameras scattered throughout the city.

Using a computer’s joystick, one officer remotely zooms the lens on a camera atop

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the famed Arc de France in and out — peering down the bustling Champs-Elysees.

Authorities are straddling a fine line between keeping the public watchful and sowing panic or at least, as one police spokesman described it, “a situation where people start seeing potential bombs everywhere.”

France’s government has maintained its national terrorism threat level at “red,” the second-highest level, since 2005. The next notch up — “scarlet” — would give authorities draconian powers, such as the ability to ground flights and shutter railway stations.

France suffered waves of deadly terrorism by Islamic radicals in the 1980s and 1990s, and successive governments responded by strengthening the country’s counterterrorism arsenal.

Police officials say that policy has paid off: At a time when other Western countries like Spain, Britain and the United States have faced large-scale terrorism over the last decade, France hasn’t been hit at home since 1996.

Many counterterrorism officials say the country is facing the greatest risk since then. Despite the calls for more vigilance, Pechenard said: “I don’t want to give the impression that France is aflame.” □

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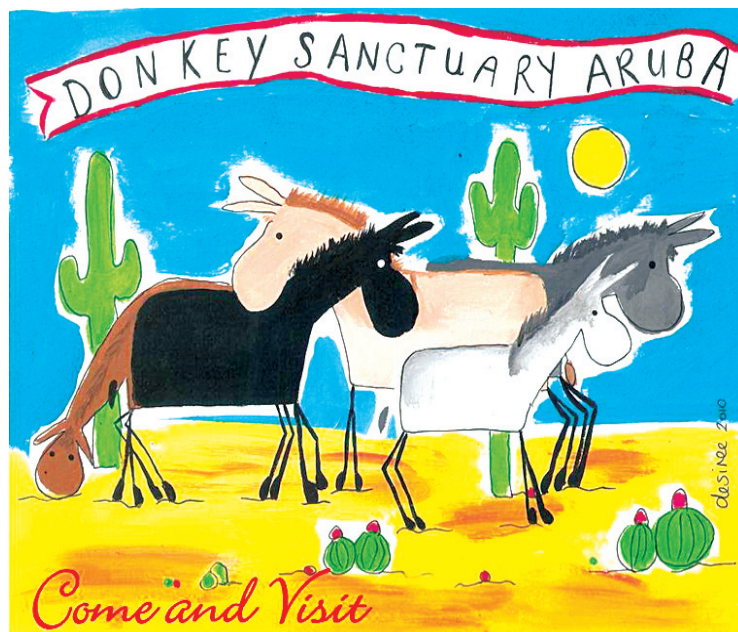
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## Spaniards who banned bullfights OK flaming horns

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MADRID (AP) — Run with the bulls, let them tumble into the sea during the chase, even stick fireworks or flaming wax to their horns — but don't kill them. That's the line legislators in northeastern Spain drew Wednesday between protecting animals and upholding cherished national traditions.

The Catalonia region, which includes Barcelona, banned bullfighting in July, but many other bull-related traditions in which the animals are not killed continue there. Wednesday's bill, overwhelmingly approved by the regional parliament, was widely seen as a way to enshrine the customs, regulate them for the first time and buffer them against pressure to do away with them.

Defenders of the events heaved a sigh of relief, saying they are far removed from the bloodshed of actual bullfights.

"They could not deny us this freedom," said Pere Fumador, a bull breeder in the Ebro River valley region where the customs are most deeply rooted.

Some animal-welfare activists, however, believe the vote will eventually spell the end of human thrill-seeking at the

bulls' expense in Catalonia, the second region of Spain — after the Canary Islands — to ban bullfighting. They predict that officials will find it impossible to regulate the often chaotic events, where the danger is a key attraction. Spain's centuries-old fascination with bulls, and with using the animals as a test of bravery, is part of the national identity. Bullfighting and related events are a multimillion-dollar industry, drawing many foreign tourists.

Outside Catalonia, Spaniards run with bulls in Pamplona every year, spear them to death from horseback in another northern town called Tordesillas and cordon off town squares to let even children dodge feisty calves of the kind used to breed top-grade fighter bulls.

In Catalonia, bull-related traditions include "correbous," which involves attaching short sticks with flaming balls of wax or fireworks to bulls' horns, then letting the animals run around a bull ring or plaza and chase people. After a while, the fire is put out and the bulls are led back to their pens.

"If the horns are wide enough, the bull does not get burned," said Francesc Sancho, a

spokesman for Catalonia's dominant party, a center-right nationalist coalition called Convergence and Union.

In another, less common version, the bulls chase human daredevils on platforms by seaside marinas and plunge into the water. People in boats lead the bulls back onto ground and back onto the platform for another go at it.

The bulls are often younger animals rather than the full-grown, half-ton specimens that matadors take on.

Alejandra Garcia, an activist who took part in a grassroots campaign that led to Catalonia's bullfighting ban, said the animals are terrified and some end up injured or even dead.

Proponents say the goal is not to harm or kill the bulls.

"It is not the same thing (as bullfighting). We do not mistreat the animal, or stab it," said Moises Plaixens, who belongs to a correbous club in the Catalan town of Cardena. Members of the Convergence and Union party said the bill approved Wednesday seeks to establish safety norms and other regulations to protect both the bulls and people.

Sancho, the party spokesman, insisted the customs are not cruel and cannot be equated with bullfighting because the



In this file photo from Jan. 17, 2010, a reveler runs away from a bull with flaming horns during a festivity in honor of Saint Anthony, the patron saint of animals, in the streets of Gilet, a town near Valencia, Spain.

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animals do not die. He said the bill seeks to protect bulls by limiting how long such spectacles can last and having veterinarians examine the bulls afterward for signs of injury or stress.

Garcia said the bill will give activists a legal tool to go to court against, say, festival organizers who violate the rules it sets, such as a ban on participation by children

under 14.

Initiative for Catalonia, an environmental party, is the only one in Catalonia to speak out against regulating the festivals. It favors a total ban on events in which bulls are seen to suffer and considers Wednesday's bill "all about seeking forgiveness" from pro-bullfighting fans ahead of regional elections on Nov. 28. □







This Saturday at The Kiwanis' "Night At The Oscars Wine & Cheese Party"

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ORANJESTAD - To mark the "Night at the Oscars Wine & Cheese Party" of Kiwanis Club of Aruba, with another act of sharing Moët & Chandon and Aruba Trading Company, official distributor of Moët & Chandon on the island of Aruba, will be auctioning three limited-edition offerings of their signature champagne, Moët & Chandon Impérial both in hand-crafted gold-leaf jeroboams and in a 6L Moët & Chandon Jeroboam Matusalem. These three champagne bottles were signed by various famous stars during the International Film Festival of Aruba in June of this year. All the proceeds of the silent auction will go to local and international charities.

The first bottle is a Moët & Chandon Impérial in a hand-crafted gold-leaf jeroboam signed by the legendary leading man, Richard Gere at the opening ceremony of the International Film Festival of Aruba on June 4th, 2010. The proceeds of this bottle will go directly to the GERE FOUNDATION, a non-profit organization established by Richard Gere. The Gere Foundation provides relief assistance in times of crisis around the world, helping millions of people who have suffered the effects of war, poverty, displacement or disaster.

The second bottle is a Moët & Chandon Impérial in a hand-crafted gold-leaf jeroboam signed by leading lady and famous soap opera actress, Rudy Rodriguez. All Proceeds of this bottle will go to a local charity in Aruba through the Kiwanis Club of Aruba and the third bottle, a 6L Moët Chandon Jeroboam Matusalem signed by FERZA OZPETECK director of MINE VAGANTI, RUBBA NADDA director of CAIRO TIME, Sharman Joshi actor of 3 idiots and Patricia Clarkson, famous American Actress, all proceed going to a local charity in Aruba through the Kiwanis Club.

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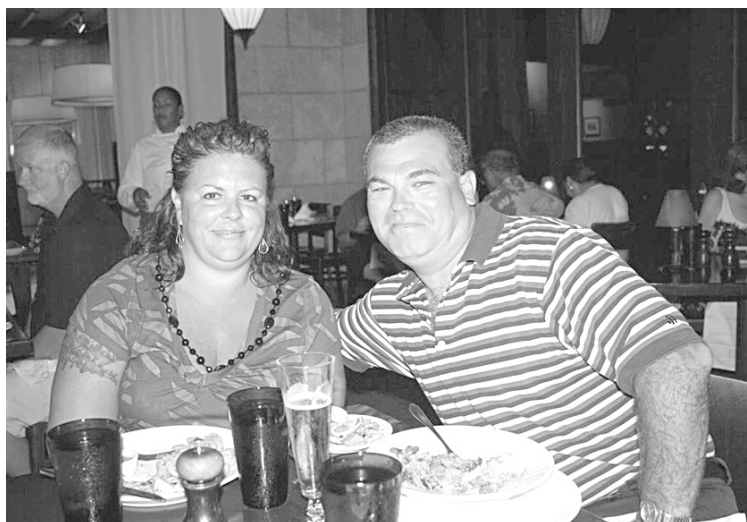
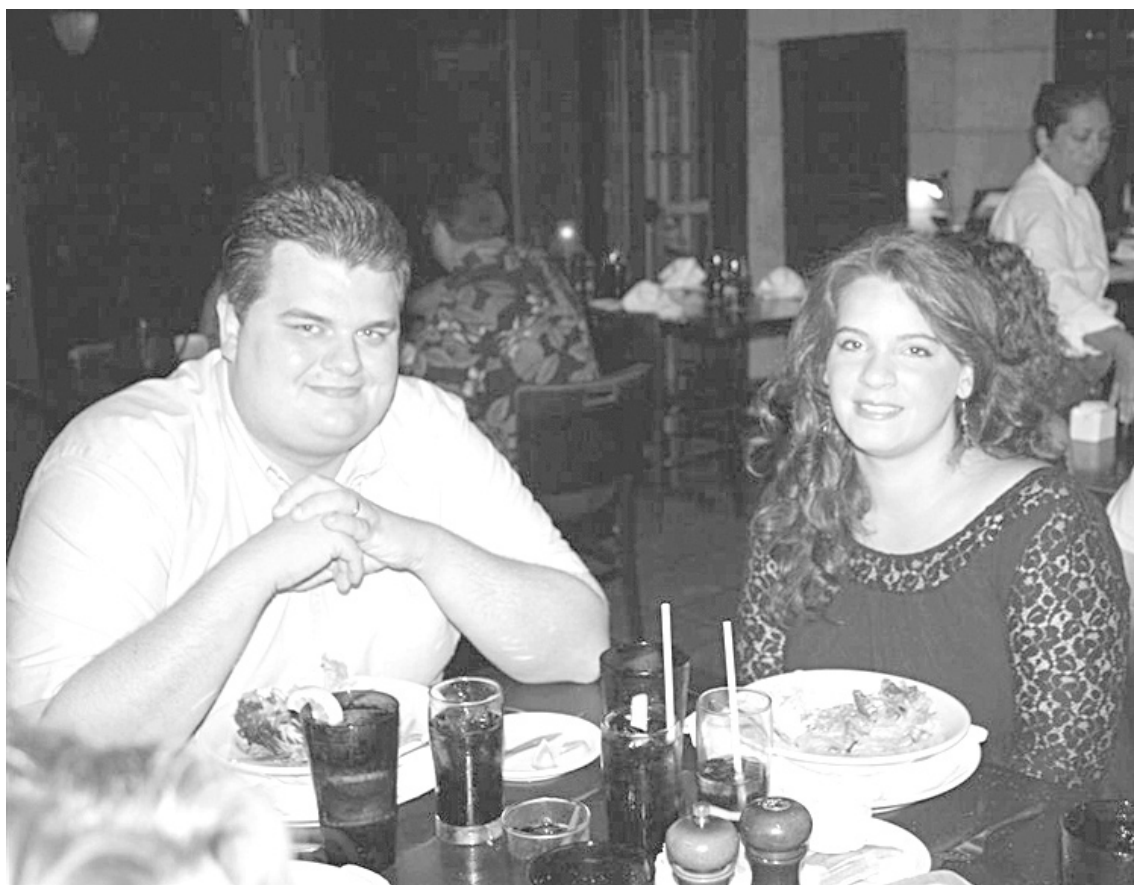
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# Aqua Grill hosts Sledd Co. incentive group




**PALM BEACH** - This past Monday evening, Aqua Grill restaurant in Palm Beach hosted a special dinner for guests here on the island with Sledd Co., a wholesale food distributor in the U.S. Aqua Grill management reserved the restaurant's chic mezzanine for the group

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On picture Frances & Michael with Mr. Ricardo Croes and Ivette from Playa Linda Resort





# The Aruba Marriott Launches Take Care Wellness Committee



PALM BEACH – In an effort to promote healthy living throughout the corporation,



Marriott International announced the new Take Care program. Through this program, The Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino launched a wellness committee led by Christie Roelofsen, Mary Jane Tromp, Gail Sahit, Gerald Sacramento, Nivurti Inocencia, Jenny Erazo and Scott Derrickson. The Wellness Committee is responsible for providing associates with daily healthy tips on eating well, exercising and weight management. The first event organized by the Wellness committee was a healthy walk on the beach from the Aruba Marriott



Resort and Stellaris Casino to the Westin Resort and back. All of the Marriott associates, as well as friends and family, were provided with new wellness t-shirts to be worn during the evening walk. The Wellness Committee looks forward to many future health conscious events throughout the year. Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino boasts 411 guestrooms – the most spacious on the island -- each with large, private balconies

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## NFL heartache, troubles and QB chaos

By BARRY WILNER  
AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL season just started and with it came heartache and trouble, on and off the field: a player's apparent suicide; drunken-driving charges against another; a drug suspension; Reggie Bush's broken leg; a female reporter's locker room plight; chaos at quarterback.

Stay tuned for Week 3. From the death of Broncos wide receiver Kenny McKinley, found with a pillow over his head and a pistol on top of the pillow, to the DWI charges against Jets receiver Braylon Edwards to Tampa Bay safety Tanard Jackson being suspended for at least a year, the headlines have skewed toward the negative.

Even the tragic. "In a perfect world, all of our news would be positive and focused on the game," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Wednesday. "Of course we do not live in a perfect world and commissioner (Roger) Goodell makes sure we address all of these issues in an open and responsible way."

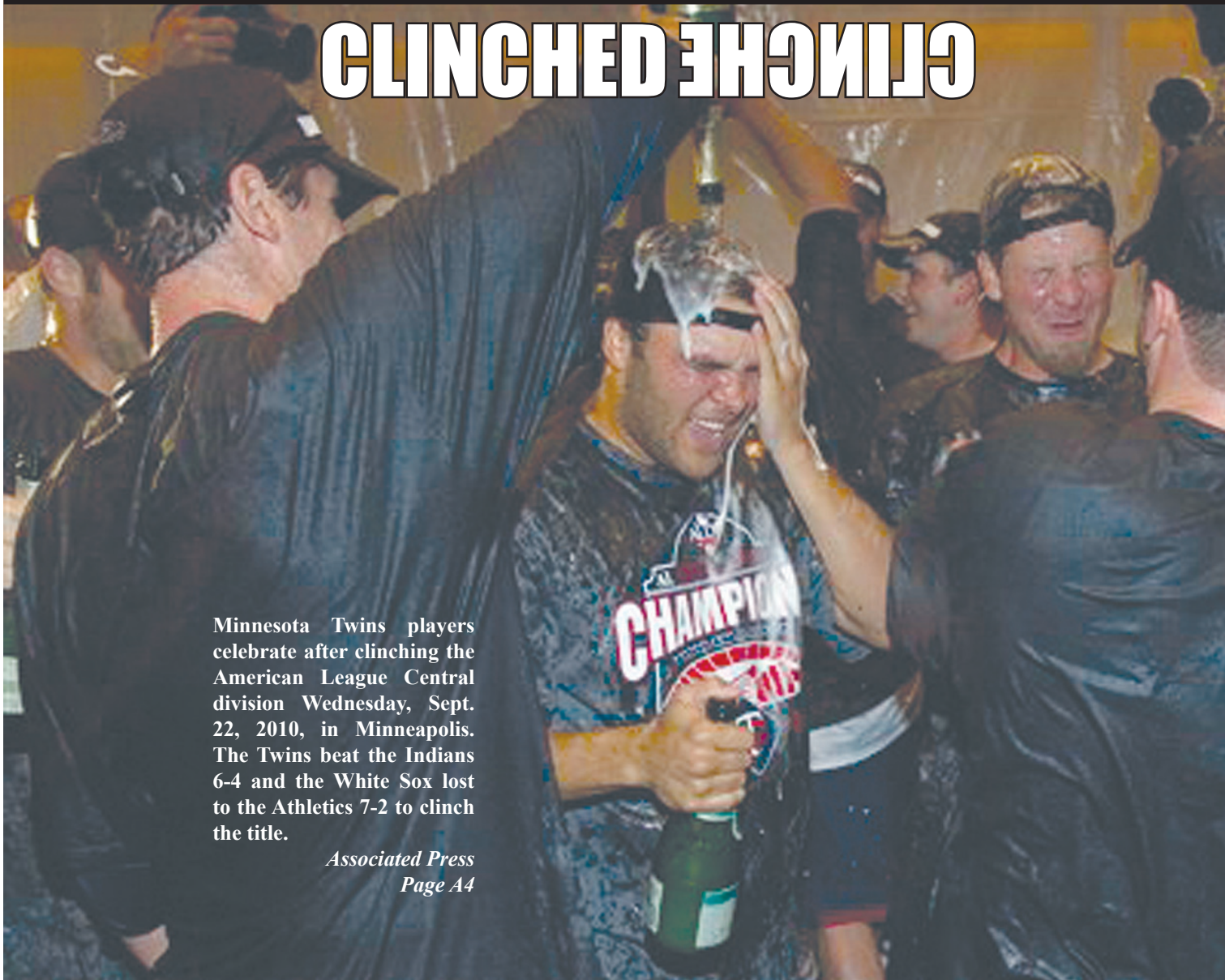
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## CLINCHED

Minnesota Twins players celebrate after clinching the American League Central division Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010, in Minneapolis. The Twins beat the Indians 6-4 and the White Sox lost to the Athletics 7-2 to clinch the title.

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NASCAR driver Clint Bowyer pauses during a sponsorship event in Charlotte, N.C., Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010.

## Bowyer's car fails inspection; he loses 150 pts.

By JENNA FRYER  
AP Auto Racing Writer  
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Clint Bowyer's race-winning car at New Hampshire failed an intense NASCAR inspection on Wednesday, earning the driver a 150-point penalty that could wipe out his championship chances.

NASCAR also fined crew chief Shane Wilson \$150,000, and suspended him for the next six Sprint Cup races. Car chief Chad Haney was also suspended six races, and team owner Richard Childress was docked 50 owner points.

Bowyer won Sunday's opening race in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship to vault from 12th to second in the standings. The penalty drops him back to last place, 185

points behind leader Denny Hamlin with nine races left to determine the champion.

NASCAR said the No. 33 Chevrolet from Sunday's race had been altered and did not meet its strict specifications.

The car passed its initial inspection at New Hampshire on Sunday, but was taken by NASCAR back to its North Carolina research and development center. It was there that NASCAR found the rear end of the car had been manipulated by Richard Childress Racing. □

## Kuchar again the talk of Atlanta

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Matt Kuchar is the face of golf in Atlanta this week at the Tour Championship, just like he was 10 years ago.

The difference this time is that he's the No. 1 seed in the FedEx Cup going into the final playoff event, which starts Thursday at East Lake.

That gives him a slight edge in the race for the \$10 million bonus, the biggest payoff in golf.

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Golfer Matt Kuchar speaks during a news conference at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010. Kuchar is playing the Tour Championship starting Thursday.

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## NFL HEARTACHE

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“We know that people are paying close attention to what we do and with that comes the responsibility of leadership and setting the right example.”

Goodell’s league has seen far too much irresponsible behavior dominating the news. Sure, the commissioner was impressed enough by Ben Roethlisberger’s conduct since April that he reduced the Pittsburgh quarterback’s suspension from six games to four. But more common have been suspensions for violations of the performance-enhancing-drug policy (Texans tackle Duane Brown, who joined Houston linebacker Brian Cushing, last season’s defensive rookie of the year, on the sideline); personal conduct program (Bucs DB Aqib Talib); and substance abuse policy (Seahawks LB Leroy Hill).

Talib and Hill even attended their team’s game in violation of league rules and could face further discipline.

On Wednesday, Jackson was suspended until next September after violating the drug policy for the second time; he served four games last year.

The league also is developing a workplace conduct program in the wake of a locker room incident in which the New York Jets acted unprofessionally toward a female television reporter from Mexico. Did the tabloids — and tabloid television — have a field day with that.

“It is getting harder to deflect attention,” said Syracuse University professor of pop culture Robert Thompson. “Hollywood in the 1930s and ‘40s could completely make stories go away.

The NFL has been known for being to able to control its message, but with stories like these ... it is very difficult to control those kinds of messages and even the information coming.

“A perfect example of that” is the Jets-TV Azteca reporter incident, he added.

The Jets don’t have the only locker room issues. Their co-owner of the New Meadowlands Stadium, the Giants, had safety Antrel



Clockwise from right to left: In this Sept. 19, 2010, file photo, Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick looks on during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Detroit Lions in Detroit; In this Sept. 3, 2009, photo, Denver Broncos wide receiver Kenny McKinley runs during a preseason NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals in Denver; In this July 20, 2010, file photo, the Heisman Trophy presented to Southern California tailback Reggie Bush in 2005 is displayed at Heritage Hall on the USC campus in Los Angeles; New York Jets wide receiver Braylon Edwards walks outside a court building Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010, in New York and this Sept. 13, 2010, file photo shows Ines Sainz, a reporter for the Mexican network TV Azteca, gestures while working on the sideline during the second quarter of an NFL football between the New York Jets and the Baltimore Ravens at New Meadowlands Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

Rolle — in his first season with the team, by the way — complained about, well, just about everything, including a lack of player leadership. That followed running back Brandon Jacobs griping about losing his starting job earlier in the season, then unintentionally tossing his helmet into the Indianapolis crowd on Sunday night, for which Jacobs was fined \$10,000 by the league. Redskins cornerback DeAngelo Hall believes he also should be Washington’s defensive coordinator; anybody wonder if he has designs on other jobs in DC,

too, with the elections coming up in six weeks?

For all the tumult away from the field, there has been plenty of upheaval on it.

Quarterback, the position coaches insist must be the most stable, is a mess in many cities, from Philadelphia to Charlotte to Oakland and back to Buffalo.

Already, eight teams have used backup quarterbacks in some manner, and the Bills are switching from Trent Edwards to Ryan Fitzpatrick on Sunday. Pittsburgh already has gone through its third-stringer and fourth-stringer and will start

Byron Leftwich at Tampa Bay. Leftwich was waived by the Steelers for Week 2, reclaimed on Monday.

But even if fans are paying attention to everything else, they also continue to tune into NFL telecasts, the most popular thing on the tube this time of year. Of course, anyone who prefers to focus on the negative will point out there already have been three TV blackouts (Tampa, San Diego, Oakland) when there were 20 all of last season.

There also have been 19 games decided by seven or fewer points, the most at this point

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in NFL history. Of the eight teams at 2-0, six did not make the playoffs last year: Chicago, Houston, Kansas City, Miami, Pittsburgh and Tampa Bay.

“Yes, I think people do pay attention to those other elements and maybe it’s distracting us from watching the games in the total purity of sports,” Thompson said. “Yet, part of the fun of following a game or team or the NFL is for the close games, the stats, watching our favorite teams win and also for the drama, and sometimes we get the high drama the NFL is kicking off this season with.” □



# USA aims to reclaim gold at women's hoops worlds

By DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic (AP)—Geno Auriemma is a master motivator.

He doesn't need to say much to remind the U.S. women's basketball team that it is not the defending world champions.

"They know what's at stake here," Auriemma said. "They know what happened in 2006."

Sue Bird, Tamika Catchings, and Diana Taurasi played on that third-place team. Even though they won a gold medal in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, the loss to Russia at worlds is still fresh in their minds.

"It definitely is a motivator for those of us that were on that team," Catchings said. "I can still remember how I felt after the game sitting in the locker room. We sat there in our uniforms for probably a good 45 minutes to an hour even after the game like, 'OK, what just happened?'"

The U.S. will open group play on Thursday against Greece, which is making its first appearance in the world championship.

The Americans, who haven't gone consecutive worlds without winning a gold medal since 1971-75, haven't had much time as

a team to prepare for the tournament. Wednesday marked the first day that the entire group practiced together because of the WNBA playoffs.

Bird and Swin Cash led the Seattle Storm past Angel McCoughtry and the Atlanta Dream for the WNBA title last week. All three arrived in the Czech Republic on Tuesday.

"It definitely isn't something I'm used to," Auriemma said. "We've had our group together for one day and trying to get everything in place. I'm just excited to get this underway."

Auriemma is already familiar with half his squad. Six players, including current senior Maya Moore, have been coached by him at Connecticut.

"The familiarity helps in that they know the system, but getting used to playing with each other on the court takes time," the 56-year-old coach said.

Moore joined Candace Parker (2006) and Chamique Holdsclaw (1998) as the only collegians to play for the U.S. at this tournament in the past 12 years.

The U.S. success may hinge on center Sylvia Fowles' left knee. She had surgery to repair a torn meniscus before the start of training

camp in September. The 6-foot-6 star has only been able to take part in full practice for two days, but is getting more comfortable on the court.

"The knee is feeling great," said Fowles after practice Wednesday. "It hasn't been giving me any problems. I'm feeling 100 percent and excited to be back on the court."

The U.S. is already missing Parker, who injured her left shoulder early in the WNBA summer season and is unable to play.

"The post play is definitely a concern, we have a lot of young talent but there is a lot of size out there on the other teams," Auriemma said.

While Fowles works her way back into shape, the onus will be on Tina Charles — the WNBA rookie of the year.

After playing Greece, the Americans will face France and Senegal in their group. The top three teams advance to the second round. Defending champion Australia, China, Canada and Belarus are in the other group playing in Ostrava.

The Australians, led by WNBA MVP Lauren Jackson, look again to be the main competition for the Americans.



United States' head coach Geno Auriemma gestures during the second half of an exhibition basketball game against Spain in Hartford, Conn., on Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010.

Russia, which beat the U.S. in the 2006 semifinals in Brazil, is in Group D along with Argentina, Japan, and the host Czech Republic. Once again, Russia will have American-born point guard Becky Hammon on the roster. The San Antonio Silver Stars guard helped

guide Russia to a third-place finish at the Beijing Olympics.

Brazil, Spain, Mali, and South Korea make up the other group playing in Brno.

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*AL Roundup*

# Yankees extend lead over Rays

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — The New York Yankees opened a 2-1/2 game lead over Tampa Bay in the American League East by beating the Rays 8-3 on Tuesday.  
 Nick Swisher homered off James Shields (13-13) to key a five-run burst in the first inning as the Yankees cut their magic number for clinching a playoff spot to three over AL East third-placed Boston.  
 Tampa Bay nipped Phil Hughes (17-8) and two relievers, but never quite got the big hit it needed while stranding 10 runners.  
 Ahead 7-3, Chamberlain escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth by striking out one and inducing a line drive.  
 Angels 2, Rangers 0  
 In Anaheim, Ervin Santana earned his career-best 17th victory, as Los Angeles slowed Texas' march to the AL West title.

Santana (17-9) dominated the Rangers' potent lineup during his fifth career shutout, striking out eight and holding Texas without an extra-base hit.  
 The Angels, who have won the past three division titles, pulled within one game of .500, with a solid finish on a disappointing season.  
 Santana got more support than Texas starter Colby Lewis (11-13), who yielded just four hits and struck out 10 in seven strong innings.  
**Athletics 7, White Sox 2**  
 In Oakland, Trevor Cahill pitched eight solid innings for his team-leading 17th win as Oakland sent Chicago to its eighth consecutive loss.  
 Cahill (17-7) retired 12 of the first 14 batters before a double leading off the fifth.  
 The A's pounded out 13 hits off Chicago starter Mark Buehrle (12-12) and one reliever.  
**Twins 6, Indians 4**



**This Aug. 12, 2010, file photo shows New York Mets baseball pitcher Francisco Rodriguez, left, and his attorney Christopher Booth, leaving Queens Criminal Court in New York.**

**COLLEEN LONG**  
**Associated Press Writer**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mets closer Francisco Rodriguez was charged Wednesday with seven counts of criminal contempt for sending his girlfriend dozens of text messages begging for forgiveness, violating a restraining order issued after he was accused of attacking her father at Citi Field.  
 Rodriguez did not enter a plea at his arraignment. He posted the \$7,500 bail almost immediately and left Queens court without speaking. A new protection order was issued barring him from contacting Daian Pena and her family.  
 The 28-year-old reliever was accused of grabbing Pena's father, 53-year-old Carlos Pena, hauling him into a tunnel near the family lounge beneath the team's new ballpark and hitting him in the face after a game Aug. 11.



**New York Yankees starting pitcher Phil Hughes puts out Tampa Bay Rays' Ben Zobrist on a bases-loaded groundout to end the top of the fourth inning of a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010. Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira, right rear, watches the play.**

**Associated Press**  
 In Minneapolis, Minnesota became the first team officially into the postseason, beating Cleveland to clinch the AL Central title.  
 It was the Twins' sixth division title in nine years.  
 Denard Span's RBI-single highlighted a four-run eighth inning after the Twins had trailed 4-2. Cleveland's Justin Masterson (6-13) allowed three runs in two-thirds of an inning to take the loss.  
 Minnesota's Glen Perkins (1-1) pitched one scoreless inning for the win while Twins manager Ron Gardenhire got career victory No. 800.  
**Orioles 9, Red Sox 1**  
 In Boston, Ty Wigginton hit a tie-breaking three-run homer in the seventh and Baltimore went on to a comfortable win over Boston.  
 Wigginton drove his 21st

homer of the season just inside the right field foul pole off Scott Atchison (2-3), who came in after Clay Buchholz allowed one unearned run in six innings and proceeded to give up three hits while retiring only one.  
 Orioles starter Brad Bergesen (8-10) pitched six strong innings, giving up only one run. He has allowed three runs or fewer in nine of his past ten starts.

**Royals 9, Tigers 6**  
 In Detroit, Mike Aviles drove in three runs to help Kansas City defeat Detroit.

Rookie Jerrod Dyson scored three times for the Royals, who were aided by three errors by Detroit pitchers.  
 KC's Bruce Chen (11-7) improved to 3-0 in his past five starts, allowing four hits in six innings.  
 Detroit's Armando Galarraga (4-7) gave up five runs in 5 1-3 innings. He has only won twice in 18 starts since his near-perfect game on June 2.  
 In Toronto, Vernon Wells and Travis Snider hit two-run homers and Edwin Encarnacion added a solo shot as Toronto outslugged Seattle.

**In other AL games it was Kansas City 9, Detroit 6; N.Y. Yankees 8, Tampa Bay 3; Toronto 5, Seattle 3; Baltimore 9, Boston 1; Minnesota 6, Cleveland 4; Oakland 7, Chicago White Sox 2; and L.A. Angels 2, Texas 0.**

## K-Rod released on bail over text-message counts

Rodriguez was told to keep away from Carlos Pena and his daughter. But a week after he appeared in court, he sent her two text messages and kept going, sending 56 in all.  
 Assistant District Attorney Scott Kessler said Rodriguez understood he wasn't supposed to contact her, but did it anyway simply because he felt like it. Kessler also said that the pitcher has a history of abuse, mentioning a previous case where he was accused of assaulting Pena in Venezuela.  
 "He's not naive or loving. He's manipulative and controlling," Kessler said.  
 Pena never responded to the messages, which included 17 sent in one day alone, Kessler said.  
 The messages started out contrite, but got progressively angrier. "Thank you for sinking me turning your back, take good care of my children ... and now I see that your were with me because of the money ..." he wrote in the final message on Aug. 23, according to Kessler.  
 Rodriguez could be jailed if he has any further communication with Pena. The restraining order is in place until at least February.  
 Defense attorney Christopher Booth said in court that the case wasn't about Daian Pena, and ordering Rodriguez to keep away from her and their twins confused the situation. He said his client wasn't clear he wasn't supposed to try to resolve the issue.  
 "There are no threats, no menacing comments. There are more text messages of the defendant professing his love," he said.  
 The accusations are costing Rodriguez about \$3.1 million so far. □



NL Roundup

# Phillies beat Braves, close on NL East crown

**The Associated Press**  
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies increased their lead in the National League East division to five games by winning their ninth straight game Tuesday, beating the Atlanta Braves 5-3.

Roy Halladay (20-10) became the first Philadelphia pitcher since Hall of Famer Steve Carlton in 1982 to win 20 games in a season.

Jayson Werth hit a three-run homer for the Phillies, who trailed the Braves by seven games in late July but boast a 17-3 record in September to take a grip on the division.

Atlanta rookie Mike Minor (3-2) lasted just 2 1-3 innings in his eighth career start, allowing three runs.

## Padres 6, Dodgers 0

In Los Angeles, Clayton Richard pitched his first shutout and complete game to steer San Diego past Los Angeles.

Richard (13-8) struck out six. The Padres remained half a game behind the NL West-leading San Francisco, while officially eliminating the Dodgers from playoff contention. San Diego also moved within half a game of Atlanta in the wild-card race. Ryan Ludwick gave San Diego a 2-0 lead with his two-out single to left in the third inning, and finished with four RBIs. He drove in the Padres' sixth run on a fielder's choice grounder in the ninth.

The Padres got to Dodgers starter Chad Billingsley (11-11) for three runs in the fifth.

## Reds 4, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Edinson Volquez allowed one run over eight innings to steer Cincinnati past Milwaukee. Volquez (4-3) faced the minimum number of batters through the first five innings before losing his command a little by walking four in his final three frames.

Reds closer Francisco Cordero converted his 38th save, but two runs scored with two outs when right fielder Jay Bruce made a wild throw that also went through Cordero's legs.

Jim Edmonds homered off Dave Bush (7-13) to give Cincinnati a 1-0 but strained a leg muscle while rounding the bases.

The Reds moved eight games ahead of St. Louis and now have a magic number of four to clinch the NL Central.

## Giants 1, Cubs 0

In Chicago, Matt Cain and three relievers combined on a two-hitter to give San Francisco a tight win over Chicago.

Cain and Chicago's Carlos Zambrano each pitched six scoreless innings, but the Giants did just enough to prevail. San Francisco finally broke through with one out in the eighth when Buster Posey homered off Andrew Cashner (2-6).

His 15th homer gave him 62 RBIs — the most by a Giants rookie since Chili Davis' 76 in 1982.

Ramon Ramirez (1-3) worked a perfect seventh for San Francisco. Brian Wilson pitched a perfect ninth for his major league-leading 44th save.

## Marlins 5, Mets 2

In Miami, Gaby Sanchez hit a tie-breaking three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning to lift Florida over New York.

With two outs in the eighth, Mets reliever Elmer Dessens



Philadelphia Phillies' Roy Halladay, left, pitches to Atlanta Braves' Martin Prado in the first inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010, in Philadelphia.

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(3-2) came in to face Hanley Ramirez, who lined a single to center as did Dan Uggla. Sanchez then drilled a pitch over the left-field wall for his 19th homer.

The loss officially eliminated the Mets from playing in the postseason.

Florida's Jose Veras (3-2) worked one inning and picked up the win despite losing the lead in the top of the eighth. Diamondbacks 3, Rockies 1 In Phoenix, Kelly Johnson hit a two-run homer to help Arizona defeat Colorado.

Aside from a single in the eighth, Colorado couldn't

get much off Diamondbacks starter Joe Saunders (3-6), who pitched an eight-inning gem.

The Rockies drop 2-1/2 games behind NL West leader San Francisco.

Johnson hit his two-run homer off Jorge De La Rosa (8-5).

The only drawback for the Diamondbacks was breaking the all-time season strikeout record. Arizona whiffed six times on the night to reach

1,404 in 150 games, blowing past the record of 1,399 set by Milwaukee in 2001.

**In other NL games it was Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 3; Washington 8, Houston 4; Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 2; Florida 5, N.Y. Mets 2; San Francisco 1, Chicago Cubs 0; Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 3; Arizona 3, Colorado 1; and San Diego 6, L.A. Dodgers 0.**

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# Montgomerie tells players his Ryder Cup pairings



The captain of the European Ryder Cup team Scottish player Colin Montgomerie addresses reporters during a press conference held at the Joyenval golf course, in Chambourcy, west of Paris, Wednesday Sept. 22, 2010, on the eve of the Vivendi Cup. The Vivendi Cup, a new men's international golf tournament featuring on the European Tour International Shedule will be held here from Sept 23 to Sept. 26.

**GRAHAM OTWAY**  
**Associated Press Writer**  
CHAMBOURCY, France (AP) — European captain Colin Montgomerie said on Wednesday he has already told his players who their partners will be in the opening series of matches in the Ryder Cup. Montgomerie would not reveal his pairings for the fourballs and foursomes, but he said he has decided to use all 12 members of his team on the opening day.  
“I know who is going to be on that first tee on Friday,” Montgomerie said. “Barring, of course, accident or illness or a complete lack of comfort by a player with that position.  
“And the players know already. It’s important to let the players know earlier than not. There’s no point in me keeping secrets.  
“I go against the form of telling the team two hours beforehand whether they are in or not. I have let them know so that they can prepare accordingly.”  
At Brookline in 1999, Europe captain Mark James left three rookies on the bench until the final day singles when the United States came from 10-6 behind to claim victory.  
Montgomerie said he is keen for every player to have a taste of the action on the first day at Celtic Manor in Wales.  
“Barring accident all 12 players will play on the first day,” he said.  
“And I have spoken to them all either on the phone or by text. They are all absolutely up and raring to go.”  
Montgomerie will make his pairings public the night before the first day of the event, but he did give two broad hints at the way he is thinking. “The Molinaris (Francesco and Edoardo) will play a match together. I don’t think that was a difficult decision,” he said.  
“And it’s likely Rory McIlroy and Graeme McDowell will play a match together.”  
The United States begins the defense of its title on Oct. 1. □

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# NASCAR champ Johnson is down but vows he's not out

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — The rattling of a loose wheel would be enough to unravel any driver, and for a brief moment in the opening race of the NASCAR playoffs, the chattering from under his car probably did cause Jimmie Johnson's heart to sink.

Forced onto pit road for a quick fix, Johnson couldn't make up time he lost and finished a distant 25th in Sunday's Sylvania 400 at New Hampshire.

It was the lowest finish of all the Chase for the championship drivers, and enough to drop him six spots in the standings to seventh.

Johnson is taking an optimistic approach to the remaining nine weeks of the Chase. He knows the record book shows that since the Chase began in 2004, the champion finished sixth or better in the opening race every year but one. The lone exception? Johnson.

He rallied from a 39th-place finish in 2006 to win the first of his four consecutive championships. So anyone who wants to count him down right now had better be warned, he most definitely is not out.

"I know we all try to find statistics and trends that favor someone, but there's 10 races and there's so many variables and so many opportunities for something to go wrong and '06 proved all that to me," Johnson said. "Yeah, 25th is not the way we want to start the Chase, but those other 11 drivers can also have their fair share of bad luck, too. We just can't get down and depressed. We ran well, we were competitive, we need to go to Dover and get back in our game."

Johnson, trailing leader Denny Hamlin by 92 points, is certainly in a hole. But he's hardly on the ropes, especially since Round 2 of the Chase rolls into Dover International Speedway this weekend.

The Monster Mile has never

been all that daunting to Johnson. He swept the two races in his 2002 rookie season, added a third win during the 2005 Chase, then pushed his wins total to five with last season's sweep.

Had he not been caught speeding down pit road there in May, Johnson might have had a sixth win. He led a race-high 225 laps before his gaffe opened the door for Kyle Busch to wrest away the victory.

"It's one of my favorite race tracks, so I'm excited to get back after last weekend's finish," Johnson said. "We definitely need to get some points and get some things going. We couldn't pick a better track."

Johnson has become an expert at tuning out distractions and focusing only on his No. 48 car. He learned that after he became consumed with Tony Stewart during the 2005 title race that Stewart won.

When he switched gears the next season and stopped worrying about the rest of the field, Johnson began his four-year reign atop NASCAR.

Now that he finds himself in a deficit, he believes this is yet another example of why it's best to tune out the competition.

"The only way to go is up at this point, and we know that we can't have any more mistakes," he said. "We have to be spot-on, we have to be leading laps, we have to be running up front. It really simplifies things for us. We've got to perform."

Johnson thinks if he does that, then one by one, the drivers ahead of him in the standings may leave the door open for him to quickly climb back into the race. He showed last season that he wouldn't waste his time playing mind games, guessing correctly that the competition would self-destruct without any help from him.

Now that he's in a hole, and other drivers can sense the opportunity in front of them, he's hopeful the pressure will weigh on his rivals.

"There's some other teams out there that are very concerned and very occupied with what everybody else is doing, and when

## Lehman wins the Payne Stewart Award

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AP Golf Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Tom Lehman has been presented the annual Payne Stewart Award for the golfer who shares Stewart's respect for tradition, charity and who presents himself through dress and conduct.

"An award like this, I'm not really sure how to take, quite frankly," said Lehman, whose five U.S. PGA Tour victories included the British Open. "There's so many conflicting emotions. The overriding feeling that I have even sitting here right now is I really wish that this award wasn't being given out for another 30 years." Lehman shared some good Ryder Cup stories involving Stewart, who was killed in 1999 in a private plane

crash. But the most indelible link between Lehman and Stewart came before the first round of the 1999 Tour Championship in Houston. Lehman spoke at a ceremony for Stewart, where 29 players sat in folding chairs as a ghostly fog swept over Champions Golf Club.

Lehman accepted the award late Tuesday in downtown Atlanta. At a news conference at the Tour Championship at East Lake, he shared one of the stories he planned to tell that embodied how Stewart treated the game. Stewart was in the final match at the 1999 Ryder Cup against Colin Montgomerie, and he had stashed a top hat of the Stars and Stripes in his golf bag to wear down the 18th fairway if the Americans were to win.

They rallied to win in most dramatic fashion, with Justin Leonard making a 45-foot birdie in the second-to-last match.

Stewart left the hat in the bag. In fact, he conceded a 25-foot putt to Montgomerie on the last hole.

"I said, 'Why didn't you put that hat on?'" Lehman said. "His comment was, 'I couldn't do that to Monty.' I thought about that, and I think that really says a lot about his idea of sportsmanship, his idea of competition, his idea of respect for your competitor, his idea of respect for the game."

"There was a lot that I learned about that — about people, about dealing with people, about having fun and about respecting the game — from Payne." □



This Aug. 6, 2010, file photo shows Jimmie Johnson getting into his car during practice for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series' Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at The Glen auto race in Watkins Glen, N.Y. Johnson is down after finishing 25th in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship opener. But the four-time defending champion is far from out, and goes to Dover this weekend intent on climbing back into the hunt.

Associated Press

you start writing nice things about them, they believe it and when you start writing bad things about them, they get upset and call, text or e-mail you," Johnson said. "Those are the guys that during the stretch of the Chase, I think can be affected by the pressure. Will they? I don't know."

"For my sake, I hope they feel the pressure and make mistakes, but they're all hoping that they don't." □



**KUCHAR-ATLANTA**

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It's hard to believe that Kuchar wasn't even sure he wanted to turn pro when he graduated from college here a decade ago.

He had won the U.S. Amateur. He lit up Augusta National with his engaging smile and a game good enough to be the

low amateur at the Masters in 1998. Then came the U.S. Open at Olympic Club, where he held his own against golf's best and tied for 14th.

Not long after that, a businessman tossed out the idea of staying an amateur.

"He said, 'Nobody has really done it since Bobby Jones. There's plenty of money

# Els gets in Golf Hall of Fame on the first ballot



**This March 29, 2010, file photo shows Ernie Els, of South Africa, holding up the Arnold Palmer trophy after winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational golf tournament at Bay Hill in Orlando, Fla.**

**DOUG FERGUSON** Associated Press  
**AP Golf Writer**

ATLANTA (AP) — Ernie Els was elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame on Wednesday in the first year he was on the ballot.

Els, a three-time major champion from South Africa with 62 victories around the world, received 66 percent of the vote from a panel of journalists, golf officials and Hall of Fame members.

"It makes you feel very good about what you've done," Els said.

Els will be among five players who are inducted May 9 in St. Augustine, Florida, the Monday of The Players Championship next year.

Doug Ford, whose 19 wins on the PGA Tour include the Masters and PGA Championship, and two-time major winner Jock Hutchison from Scotland were elected through the Veteran's Category.

The Hall of Fame also will have a former U.S. president

enshrined for the second straight time. Former president George H.W. Bush was selected in the Lifetime Achievement category, with Dwight D. Eisenhower inducted in 2009.

World Golf Hall of Fame chief executive Jack Peter said one player was elected from the International ballot. That player will be announced Oct. 6.

Of all his worldwide titles, one that stands out for Els is his first big one — the 1994 U.S. Open at Oakmont, in a three-man playoff that included Loren Roberts and Colin Montgomerie.

"If you rewind the history just to my homeland of South Africa, when President Mandela was elected as president, that was a huge year in 1994," he said. "If I look back, that will be my defining moment, as a young pro from South Africa and winning the biggest tournament in the world, the U.S. Open. You've got to call that a defining moment. And from then on, it was a very comfortable ride."

Els went on to win the U.S. Open at Congressional in 1997, and the British Open at Muirfield in 2002.

He possessed so much skill and power, along with a soft touch around the greens, that Hall of Fame member Curtis Strange referred to him that year as "the next guy." Because of Strange's thick Virginia accent, some newspaper accounts quoted him as saying the "next god." □



to be made in the business world. It's not that you have to turn professional to make money," Kuchar said. "And he encouraged me to still stay competitive as an amateur. He said, 'The doors that will open for you will be amazing, and the better you do in golf — if you keep playing Masters tournaments, if you keep playing well in Amateurs — it's only going to open more doors."

"So it was a neat opportunity."

Kuchar went to work for Liberty Associates, a boutique investment banking firm in south Florida, a job that entailed plenty of golf with prospective clients, a chance to see how business gets done as efficiently on manicured fairways as in boardrooms.

Chasing the amateur dream, however, soon turned into a sprint.

Kuchar played the Texas Open on a sponsor's exemption in the fall of 2000 and missed the cut by one shot. He was furious with himself and wanted to tee it up the next week to prove he was better than that.

"And it was then that I knew I needed to really go week in and week out to see how good I could be," he said.

It took him time to find out. He won his first PGA Tour event two years later at the Honda Classic, immediately went into a tailspin and didn't emerge until hooking up with Chris O'Connell, a Texas-based coach who taught him a one-plane swing that was more about making a consistent

swing than a perfect one.

The plan has worked to near perfection.

No one has more than his 11 top 10s on the PGA Tour this year. His consistent play, coupled with a victory at The Barclays, has put him atop the PGA Tour money list for the first time in his career, his first Ryder Cup team and No. 10 in the world ranking.

It's also his first appearance in the Tour Championship, a big goal for a Georgia Tech alum who used to play East Lake in college.

"It's definitely been a neat progression," Kuchar said. "I think I was definitely well-celebrated as an amateur, and it's fun to take the steps forward. ... To make those steps, it's a very rewarding feeling."

The timing of the Tour Championship provides one coincidence — Kuchar, who always has felt at home in Atlanta, is in the process of moving across the state to St. Simons Island.

The memories will stay, particularly his amateur days.

"It seems like coming back from the Masters (in 1998) there was a lot more fanfare," Kuchar said. "I remember classrooms standing up and applauding. I can remember teachers coming up and congratulating me. The Masters was kind of what seemed like the real significant event to folks from Georgia, folks from Georgia Tech."

The U.S. Amateur was a big deal in a different way.

There are pictures of Jones returning to Atlanta with the

U.S. Amateur trophy, arriving by train, greeted by a host of Atlanta's finest. A half-dozen people in those pictures were brought back together when Kuchar came home in 1997 with the same trophy, and they put together a mock photo to celebrate the occasion.

It's a big deal, now — a chance to be the FedEx Cup champion with a \$10 million bonus, perhaps enough for him to be voted PGA Tour player of the year, with the Vardon Trophy on the line for the lowest scoring average.

Kuchar isn't alone in his pursuit of the big prize.

The top five in the standings — Kuchar, Dustin Johnson, Charley Hoffman, Steve Stricker and Paul Casey — determine their own fate. If they win the Tour Championship, they win the FedEx Cup. Everyone else from No. 6 to No. 30 needs help to win.

Defending champion Phil Mickelson is No. 10, having slipped in the standings with mediocre results in the playoffs.

He still has a chance, and can get more than money. A victory would make him No. 1 in the world for the first time, and considering his Masters victory in April, make him the favorite for player of the year. For all he has done in his career, Mickelson has never won any top awards.

He has never had a better chance than now — on a course where he is defending champion, with Tiger Woods not around because the world's No. 1 player didn't qualify. □



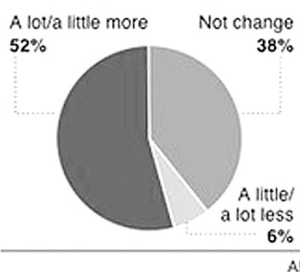


## AP Poll: Health care law making us muddle-minded

### What's in the law?

More than half of Americans believe — mistakenly — that the health care law will raise taxes for most this year. The only immediate tax hike is a 10 percent sales tax on indoor tanning.

**Q:** Do you think that the health care law passed by Congress in March will probably cause most people to pay more in taxes, pay less in taxes or not change the amount most people pay in taxes this year?



Graphic shows poll results on opinions about the health care law.

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
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WASHINGTON — Six months after President Barack Obama signed the landmark health care law, the nation still doesn't really know what's in it.

More than half of Americans mistakenly believe the overhaul will raise taxes for most people this year, an Associated Press poll finds. But that would be true only if most people were devoted to indoor tanning, which got hit with a sales tax.

Many who wanted the health care system to be overhauled don't realize that some provisions they cared about actually did make it in. And about a quarter of supporters don't understand that something hardly anyone wanted didn't make it: They mistakenly say the law will set up panels of bureaucrats to make decisions about people's care — what critics labeled “death panels.”

The uncertainty and confusion amount to a dismal verdict for the Obama administration's campaign to win over public opinion. Before the final votes in Congress, Obama

personally assured wavering Democrats he'd take the case to the American people after the law passed. But it hasn't worked. And in the final stretch before the midterm elections Republicans are united by their call for repeal. “I'm insecure about a document that was as big as the health care bill and wonder if anybody understands exactly what's in it,” said Diann Kelley, 61, a retiree from Marietta, Ga., who says she's “somewhat opposed” to the law. The AP poll was conducted by Stanford University with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. “The main fear is the cost,” explained Kelley. “I'm not sure that we can afford to take on something quite as massive

as the health care reform with the economy the way it is.” It's not that Kelley has a negative opinion about everything in the law. The prohibition on health insurance companies denying coverage to people because of pre-existing medical conditions “is really a fine idea,” she said. The poll's questions included a true-or-false quiz on 19 items, some of which are in the law and others not. People were also asked how confident they were about their answers. For the most part, majorities picked the right answers. But a sizable number also got things wrong. And right or wrong, people were unsure of their answers. Two-thirds or more were uncertain about their responses on eight of nine core

provisions of the legislation. Analysis of the findings indicated a split as far as the impact of accurate knowledge, between Democrats and independents on one side and Republicans on the other. Accurate knowledge of the law made no difference in overwhelming opposition from Republicans. Michael Cagnina, 33, a web developer from Powhatan, Va., summed it up: “It just doesn't make me feel comfortable that the government is going to give people free health care but ultimately the government's money is my money.” However, for Democrats and independents, the more accurate knowledge people had of the bill, the more they liked it.

## Novartis gains FDA approval for new MS drug

By MATTHEW PERRONE,  
AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON — Federal health regulators have approved the first pill to treat the underlying causes of multiple sclerosis, a debilitating nervous system disorder that has traditionally been treated with injectable drugs.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Swiss drugmaker Novartis' treatment Gilenya to reduce relapses in patients with multiple sclerosis, who experiences loss of balance, muscle spasms and other movement problems. There is no cure for the disease, but steroids can reduce the duration and severity of symptoms in the short term, and seven treatments on the market have had success in reducing recurrence of symptoms.

All involve daily or regular injections, which doctors say discourages some patients from keeping up with their treatment.

“Many people prefer to take a capsule because they don't like to stick needles into themselves,” said Dr. Nick LaRocca, of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Since starting on Gilenya more than two years ago, Seth Morgan of Chevy Chase, Md., says he has been free of disease relapses. Morgan previously injected himself with a medication every other day.

“People say you get used to the side effects — the discomfort and burning around the injection site — but the fact of the matter is

I never did,” said Morgan, who worked as a neurologist before being diagnosed with the disease.

Wall Street analysts expect sales of Gilenya to top \$1 billion. Total U.S. sales of multiple sclerosis drugs exceeded \$5.9 billion last year, according to health care data firm IMS Health.

Multiple sclerosis causes the body's immune system to attack the protective coatings of the brain and spinal cord. Gilenya works to reduce a type of white blood cell that often attacks the nervous system.

The FDA approved another pill-based drug for multiple sclerosis patients earlier this year. However, that drug from Acorda Therapeutics is designed to improve walking ability, rather than treat the underlying disease.

“Gilenya is the first oral drug that can slow the progression of disability and reduce the frequency and severity in MS,” said the FDA's director of neurology products, Russell Katz. The FDA reviewed the drug under a priority timetable reserved for groundbreaking therapies.

In June, an FDA panel decided 25-0 that Gilenya helps reduce relapses of multiple sclerosis.

Despite the overwhelming endorsement, panelists also had questions about side effects and said patients should receive their first dose under doctor supervision because of a potentially dangerous drop in pulse rate. □



Skull and crossbones reflected in a computer screen. School children bullied online face a high risk of being hit with real-world depression, according to a study released Tuesday by the US National Institutes of Health.

### Cyber bully victims hit with depression: survey

SAN FRANCISCO — School children bullied online face a high risk of being hit with real-world depression, according to a study released Tuesday by the US National Institutes of Health.

The “cyber bullying” findings deviated from studies of real-world bullying that indicated children who were bullies as well as being victims of the behavior were most likely to feel depressed, according to researchers.

“Notably, cyber victims reported higher depression than cyber bullies or bully-victims, which was not found in any other form of bullying,” the study authors wrote in the Journal of Adolescent Health. “Unlike traditional bullying... cyber victims may not see or identify their harasser; as such, cyber victims may be more likely to feel isolated, dehumanized or helpless at the time of the attack.”

While traditional bullying involves face-to-face abuse such as taunts or physical violence, cyber bullying comes in the form of hurtful gestures in online formats such as email, text messages, chat rooms, social networks □



# Recovered, refreshed El DeBarge wants a 2nd chance



FILE - In this June 27, 2010 file photo, El DeBarge performs at the BET Awards in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Matt Sayles, file)

By MESFIN FEKADU,  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — It took El DeBarge more than two decades to get off drugs — and he says watching performers like T.I. and Bruno Mars get into trouble over them only proves that every one needs a second chance.

“My heart goes out to Bruno Mars, my heart goes out to T.I.,” DeBarge said in a phone interview Tuesday from his Los Angeles home.

“I know there’s a lot of people out there experimenting with drugs. I know. I did it because I was curious. I

said, ‘Hey, let me try this.’ And it took me 22 years to un-try,” the 49-year-old singer said.

DeBarge added: “They’re very talented and I’m here to show that the second chance is ours.”

T.I. was stopped on Sept. 1 after making an illegal U-turn and Los Angeles police say they found several pills confirmed to be a controlled substance. The rapper, 29, had been released from jail in June after serving 10 months on weapons charges and is still on probation.

Mars — the 24-year-old rising newcomer who’s appeared on and co-produced two of the year’s biggest hits with B.o.B’s “Nothin’ on You” and Travie McCoy’s “Billionaire” — was arrested on Sept. 19 for having 2.6 grams of cocaine.

DeBarge, who was jailed for two years following a 2008 drug possession arrest, returned to the stage this year’s at the BET Awards. He’s planning to release “Second Chance,” his first album in 16 years, later this year.

“Just call me crazy, but after a long 22-year drug bend and me being able

to come back and being embraced by fans like this and just to be alive and still have my chops, I think that’s awesome,” DeBarge said.

The singer’s career saw its peak in the 1980s when he led four of his siblings in the clan DeBarge. The R&B group had No. 1 hits like “Time Will Reveal” and “Rhythm of the Night.” The group’s music was also given new life through use by artists like the Notorious B.I.G., Tupac and Ashanti.

DeBarge’s upcoming CD will feature 50 Cent, Fabolous and Faith Evans. He starts a tour with Mary J. Blige on Oct. 7 in Washington.

DeBarge said he never lost his voice, but did lose his confidence about his career.

“I was praying the whole time while I was on drugs: ‘Oh God please, you got to get me off this. You got to help me.’ So he said, ‘OK.’ ... Because I found out that God not only wanted me to have faith in him, but also to have faith in myself. And so once I did that, my confidence showed me that it was always there, I just had to believe it again.” □

# Fox crowns J-Lo, Tyler new ‘American Idol’ judges

By LYNN ELBER,  
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INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler will join Randy Jackson as “American Idol” judges next season, after months of turnover and speculation about the future of TV’s top-rated show.

With pomp rivaling that of a U.S. Supreme Court appointment, Fox finally assembled the new pieces of the “Idol” panel that will be returned to its original three-member format for season 10. Actress-singer-dancer Lopez and Aerosmith frontman Tyler will have the job of trying to match the offbeat chemistry of former judges Simon Cowell and Paula Abdul.

“This is ‘American Idol!’” host Ryan Seacrest said after the new judges joined him on stage at the Forum arena, where the final national audition for next season’s singing contest was held Wednesday.

The announcement was made before a crowd of several thousand who had gathered to

try out, some cheering loudly for the cameras and all hoping to make it to the next round, when they’ll be judged by the revamped panel. The minishow was streamed live online by Fox.

Tyler said he wanted to join the show because “it’s being a part of something much bigger than yourself. ... I want to bring some rock to this rollercoaster and show if you’ve got the heart, the talent, the feeling to do this you could be the next American Idol.”

“I’m so excited,” said Lopez, who scored a reported \$12 million to join the show. “I’m looking for the next Michael Jackson.”

The likely Lopez-Tyler pairing had been reported so frequently that Fox would have had to produce Betty White and 50 Cent instead to generate any surprise.

Cowell announced last January that he planned to leave to launch a new talent show for Fox in 2011, with newcomers Ellen DeGeneres and Kara DioGuardi exiting

this summer. Abdul left in 2009 over a contract dispute. Jackson will be the only original judge when “American Idol” returns in January.

Though gone, Cowell wasn’t forgotten at the news conference that followed the judges’ unveiling.

The new judges as well as series producers were asked about the loss of Cowell and how much the acid-tongued Brit meant to the ratings.

“Simon is irreplaceable, no question about that,” said executive producer Nigel Lythgoe. But he and fellow producer Ken Warwick said that the new judges will bring their own personalities to the mix.

The show has a valuable newcomer in Jimmy Iovine, chairman of Interscope Geffen A&M Records, a division of Universal Music Group, which this season is replacing Sony Music Entertainment as the label that develops, distributes and markets “Idol” finalists. Lythgoe said Iovine would bring his own expertise



In this publicity image released by Fox, judges for season ten of American Idol are shown. From left, Randy Jackson, Jennifer Lopez, Steven Tyler and Ryan Seacrest are shown in an undated photo.

(AP Photo/Fox, Michael Becker)

and style to the show.

Lopez made it clear she has no plans to become the new Simon.

“I believe in tough love, but I’m an artist myself,” she said. “I could never be cruel to another artist.”

Lythgoe, an original “Idol” producer now back on the show, took a swipe at some of the winners who emerged during his two-year absence. After early idols Kelly Clarkson and Carrie Underwood, he said, “Then we start running out of idols.” “We’ve got to go back to creating an American idol,” he said.

Among other changes the new season will bring, the producers said that contestants won’t be forced to stray from their favored genre: country singers can sing country songs; rock singers won’t have to sing folk songs. Also, there are no plans to have celebrity mentors come on the show, as was common in seasons past. Of course, Lopez and Tyler loom as the biggest changes, and the pressure is on them to help “American Idol” reinvent itself for the new season, when it will try to stem a ratings slide and bring in younger viewers. □



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**Stocks waver as traders move into Treasurys, gold****By STEPHEN BERNARD,**  
**AP Business Writer**

NEW YORK – Traders put their September stock rally on hold and moved into Treasurys and gold Wednesday, a day after the Federal Reserve said it was ready to take more action to boost the economy. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 21 points in afternoon trading.

With no new economic data out Wednesday and the Fed's announcement late Tuesday having a bigger impact on the bond and currency markets, Bob Auer, portfolio manager of the Auer Growth Fund, said it was natural for stocks to pause.

Major indexes have been on a tear this month as economic reports have consistently indicated the economy continues to grow, albeit slowly.

"People are saying, 'I've got some profits, let's book

'em,'" Auer said. Entering Wednesday, the Dow had risen 13 of the past 15 days and climbed 7.5 percent so far in September.

The Fed didn't announce specific actions to strengthen the economy, but investors interpreted its statement as a signal that the central bank could step up its bond-purchasing program down the line.

Investors had little incentive to move more money into stocks, so they turned their focus to bonds and gold. Treasurys rose again, pushing their yields lower, and gold climbed to another record.

If the Fed starts purchasing bonds, it would have the dual effect of raising demand for Treasurys and hurting the value of the dollar. That's why bond prices rallied Wednesday and traders swapped out dollars for gold and other currencies.

The Dow fell 21.00, or 0.2

percent, to 10,740.18 in afternoon trading.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 4.88, or 0.4 percent, to 1,134.90, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 18.37, or 0.8 percent, to 2,330.98.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite to its price, fell to 2.52 percent from 2.58 percent late Tuesday. Its yield is often used to set interest rates on mortgages and other loans.

Gold climbed to a record \$1,298.00 an ounce before falling back to \$1,292.70 an ounce.

The euro hit a five-month high against the dollar.

In corporate news, Microsoft Corp. shares dipped 69 cents, or 2.7 percent, to \$24.46 after the company said it was raising its dividend for the first time in two years.

Adobe Systems Inc. shares plummeted after the computer software maker said its fiscal



**In this photo taken Sept. 21, 2010, trading continues on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in New York. Stock futures edged lower Wednesday, Sept. 22, as traders turned to buying Treasury's and gold after the Federal Reserve failed to take any immediate steps to help the economy.**

(AP Photo/Henny Ray Abrams)

third-quarter profit surged, but it said revenue during the current quarter will likely fall short of expectations. Adobe shares fell \$6.34, or 19.3 percent, to \$26.60.

About two stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange

where volume came to 519.7 million shares.

Overseas, Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.4 percent, Germany's DAX index fell 1.1 percent, and France's CAC-40 dropped 1.3 percent. Japan's Nikkei stock average fell 0.4 percent. □



**Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner testifies before a Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee hearing on The Treasury Department's Report on International Economic and Exchange Rate Policies on Capitol Hill in Washington September 16, 2010.**

**By Dave Clarke**

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said on Wednesday U.S. banks can meet new higher capital rules through future profits without crimping lending and harming economic recovery. Echoing recent comments from other top international financial regulators, Geithner said the new Basel III capital rules

would not be a crushing burden on banks.

Earlier this month, regulators from the 27 Basel Committee countries agreed to make banks hold more and higher quality capital so they can better withstand economic downturns and financial shocks. Under the proposal, the new rules would be phased in gradually and would not go into full effect until 2019.

**Geithner: Banks can meet capital rules with profits**

"It is important to note that because we moved so quickly with the bank stress tests in early 2009 that forced banks to raise more common equity, the U.S. financial system is in a very strong position internationally to adapt to the new global rules," Geithner told the U.S. House of Representatives Financial Services Committee.

"For the most part, banks should be able to meet these new requirements through future earnings, which will help protect the recovery currently under way," he added. Geithner argued that the new capital standards will help create a more stable financial system and will help avoid a repeat of the 2007-2009 financial crisis.

Leaders from the Group of 20 developed and emerging nations are set to endorse Basel III when they meet in Seoul in November. It will be left to each country to implement it. "It is ... essential that the Basel agreements are implemented by national authorities in a way that generates a 'level playing field' in our increasingly integrated global financial system," Geithner said. "We will engage our foreign counterparts to look for ways to ensure that these agreements are implemented in a transparent and consistent way by supervisors in different countries."

**GERMAN BANK PLANS**

Germany's Bundesbank said on Monday that German banks can also meet the rules without

reducing lending and sapping the country's economy of its strength, despite complaints from some of its savings banks, known as landesbanks. Germany's top banks may need to raise 105 billion euros (\$140.5 billion) in capital under the new rules. Already Deutsche Bank has announced plans to raise 10.2 billion euros and Commerzbank and several landesbanks may be next.

The new rules will force banks to hold top-quality capital totaling 7 percent of their risk-bearing assets, more than triple what they do now. Banks will have until 2015 to meet the minimum core Tier 1 capital requirement, which consists of shares and retained earnings worth at least 4.5 percent of assets. □



# Canada's privacy body to look into Facebook 'Like' button



Mark Zuckerberg, chief executive officer of Facebook, is seen here in May 2010 outlining Facebook's new privacy control methods. Canada's privacy commissioner said Wednesday that Facebook has addressed her concerns but she was opening a new probe of the sharing of the social networking site's "Like" button with other websites.

OTTAWA — Canada's privacy commissioner said Wednesday that Facebook has addressed her concerns but she was opening a new probe of the sharing of the social networking site's "Like" button with other websites.

around the globe," Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart said in a statement. "The changes Facebook has put in place in response to concerns we raised as part of our investigation last year are reasonable and meet the expectations set out under Canadian privacy law," Stoddart said.

The social network, which has more than 500 million members worldwide, had been accused of inadequately restricting outside software developers' access to personal information people put on profile pages.

Facebook has since rolled out changes whereby users must grant consent to access and use their data.

Stoddart applauded Facebook's new privacy settings.

"We're also pleased that Facebook has developed simplified privacy settings and has implemented a tool that allows users to apply a

privacy setting to each photo or comment they post," she said.

"Overall, Facebook has implemented the changes it promised following our investigation," she said.

"It has been a long road in arriving at this point," she said. "These changes are the result of extensive and often intense discussions with Facebook."

However, she added, further complaints that deal with the appearance of Facebook's "Like" button on partner websites, which were not part of her original investigation, have prompted a new examination.

"We are now examining those," she said.

Facebook has partnered with a number of websites to show visitors to those sites what products, news stories or other online content their Facebook friends "Like" there. □

## FCC examines complaint about Skechers cartoon

By JOELLE TESSLER,  
AP Technology Writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission is looking into complaints that a new television show based on characters first created to market Skechers shoes to kids would violate government rules on advertising in children's programming.

The FCC is seeking public comment on a petition filed last week by the Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood seeking to block the cartoon series "Zevo-3," which premieres on the cable network Nicktoons on Oct. 11. It stars three superheroes from comic books and TV commercials promoting

Skechers.

The Boston-based group says the program would violate a requirement in federal law that cable companies air no more than 12 minutes of commercial material per hour of children's programming, and FCC rules mandating a separation between commercial content and programming.

In its petition, the Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood argued that the cartoon should be considered an advertisement for Skechers footwear because its three superheroes — Kewl Breeze, Elastika, and Z-Strap, who battle the evil Dr. Stankfoot, — promote specific lines of shoes.

"For children, the characters . embody the shoe

lines they represent, so much so that retailers report that kids often refer to the shoes by character name rather than by the shoe model," the petition says.

Josh Golin, associate director of the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, welcomed the FCC inquiry.

"This would be the first children's television program based on advertising icons and as such, the entire program would be an ad," he said, adding that the cartoon could "open the floodgate for shows starring Ronald McDonald, Tony the Tiger and all the other advertising characters."

Nicktoons, owned by Viacom International Inc., and Skechers had no immediate comment. □

## Microsoft raises dividend 23 percent to 16 cents

REDMOND, Wash. — Microsoft Corp. said Tuesday it is raising its quarterly dividend for the first time in two years in a move that will return more of the software maker's nearly \$37 billion cash hoard to its shareholders.

The increase signals Microsoft is feeling more confident that the economy won't lapse back into recession.

The severity of the last downturn prompted Microsoft to resort to the largest layoffs in its 35-year history while keeping its dividend unchanged for the longest stretch since it started making the quarterly payments to shareholders in 2004.

Tuesday's announcement marks the fifth time that Microsoft has raised its

dividend.

With the latest increase, investors who own Microsoft stock as of Nov. 18 will be get 16 cents per share. That's a 23 percent increase from the 13 cents a share that Microsoft had been paying for the past eight quarters.

The new rate translates into an annual dividend yield of 2.5 percent, based on Microsoft's current market value. The company's shares

fell 28 cents to close at \$25.15 Tuesday before plans for the higher dividend were disclosed, then rose 19 cents in extended trading.

Microsoft's increase comes a week after Cisco Systems Inc. — another technology heavyweight that's part of the bellwether Dow Jones industrial average — announced plans to pay a stock dividend for the first

time.

The earnings of both companies have been rising recently, helping them to stockpile more cash even as the global economy struggles to recover from the worst recession in more than 70 years.

Microsoft distributed \$4.6 billion in shareholder dividends during its last fiscal year, which ended in June. □



# Man arrested after picking fight with pet parrot

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – A 49-year-old Jackson man has been arrested in Ann Arbor following a fight with the pet parrot carried in his backpack. Police told Ann Arbor.com for a story Wednesday that witnesses reported the colorful bird was shaken so violently that its feathers were scattered.

Three 911 calls were made following the Tuesday night incident. Lt. Renee Bush said the parrot was “squawking loudly” when officers arrived.

But the bird was fighting back, leaving one of its owner’s thumbs “scratched and bloodied.”

The parrot suffered a red eye and bald patches. Bush said it also was limping.

The owner told officers he was disciplining and training the bird. He was being held in the Washtenaw County Jail pending charges. □

# Conn. marshal apologizes for taking lap dance

HARTFORD, Conn. – A Connecticut state marshal has apologized for paying \$15 for a lap dance at a New Haven strip club when he went there to serve a city tax warrant to the owner.

The New Haven Register reports that Marshal William Nolan broke down crying and apologized while testifying Tuesday before two members of the State Marshal Commission, who will be recommending to the full board whether Nolan should be disciplined.

Commission members have found probable cause that Nolan unreasonably blurred the lines between professional and personal conduct at Stage Door Johnny’s last March.

Nolan is also accused of charging club owner Johnny Kraft 10 percent more than the \$9,800 he owed the city in back taxes, which Kraft has since paid. Nolan said it was a simple mistake. □

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# Genetically altered salmon? It doesn't stop there



**FILE** - In this Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2000 picture, packages of Taco Bell taco shells, sold in grocery stores, are displayed during a news conference in Montpelier, Vt. Kraft Foods recalled on Friday, Sept. 22, 2000, all taco shells that it sells in supermarkets under the Taco Bell brand after tests confirmed they were made with genetically engineered corn that isn't approved for human consumption. For thousands of years, humans have practiced selective breeding. That concept was refined to develop plant hybridization and artificial insemination. Now comes an Atlantic salmon that is genetically engineered to grow twice as fast as a regular salmon. If U.S. regulators approve it, the fish would be the first such scientifically altered animal to reach the dinner plate.

(AP Photo/Toby Talbot)

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**  
**MALCOLM RITTER,**  
AP Science Writers

WASHINGTON — We've always played with our food — even before we knew about genes or how to change them. For thousands of years, humans have practiced selective breeding — pairing the beefiest bull with the healthiest heifers to start a new herd. That concept was refined to develop plant hybridization and artificial insemination.

Today we've got tastier corn on sturdier stalks, bigger turkeys and meatier cattle. Now comes an Atlantic salmon that is genetically engineered to grow twice as fast as a regular salmon. If U.S. regulators approve it, the fish would be the first such scientifically altered animal to reach the dinner plate.

Scientists have already determined that it's safe to eat. They are weighing other factors, including

environmental risks, after two days of intense hearings.

Whatever the decision on salmon, it's only the start of things to come. In labs and on experimental farms are:

- Vaccines and other pharmaceuticals grown in bananas and other plants.
- Trademarked "Enviropigs" whose manure doesn't pollute as much.

- Cows that don't produce methane in their flatulence.
- And in the far-off future, there may be foods built from scratch — the scratch being DNA.

Sometimes when science tinkers with food, it works. Decades ago, Norman Borlaug's "Green Revolution" of scientifically precise hybrids led to bigger crop yields that have dramatically reduced hunger.

Sometimes it flops. Anyone remember the Flavr Savr tomato?

Probably not. It didn't taste good. "There was no flavor there to save," one expert quipped. But you might remember 10 years ago when genetically modified corn meant for animal feed wound up in taco shells?

To the biotech world, precise tinkering with the genes in plants and animals is a proven way to reduce disease, protect from insects and increase the food supply to curb world hunger. □



This image provided by the Utah Museum of Natural History shows an artist's reconstruction of the Kosmocerotops. Scientists said Wednesday, Sept 22, 2010 they've discovered fossils in the southern Utah desert of two new dinosaur species closely related to the Triceratops, including one with 15 horns on its large head.

(AP Photo/Lukas Panzarin, Utah Museum of Natural History)

## 2 new dinosaur species discovered in southern Utah

By **BROCK VERGAKIS,**  
Associated Press Writer

LAKE CITY — Scientists said Wednesday they've discovered fossils in the southern Utah desert of two new dinosaur species closely related to the Triceratops, including one with 15 horns on its large head.

The discovery of the new plant-eating species — including Kosmocerotops richardsoni, considered the most ornate-headed dinosaur known to man — was reported Wednesday in the online scientific journal PLoS ONE, produced by the Public Library of Science.

The other dinosaur, which has five horns and is the larger of the two, was dubbed Utahceratops gettyi.

"It's not every day that you

find two rhino-sized dinosaurs that are different from all the other dinosaurs found in North America," said Mark Loewen, a Utah Museum of Natural History paleontologist and an author of the paper published in PLoS ONE.

"You would think that we know everything there is to know about the dinosaurs of western North America, but every year we're finding new things, especially here in Utah," he said.

The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument has been a hotbed for dinosaur species discoveries in the past decade, with more than a dozen new species discovered. While it is a rocky, arid place now, millions of years ago it was similar to a swamp.

The Utahceratops has a large horn over the nose and short eye horns that project to the side rather than upward, similar to a bison. Its skull is about 7 feet long, it stood about 6 feet high and was 18 to 22 feet long. It is believed to have weighed about 3 to 4 tons.

The Kosmocerotops has similar facial features at the Utahceratops, but has 10 horns across the rear margin of its bony frill that point downward and outward. It weighed about 2.5 tons and was about 15 feet long.

The horns on both animals range in length from about 6 inches to 1 foot. □

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*Dice presidente colombiano, Rafael Santos en ONU*

# Colombia pasó de Estado fallido a nación atractivo

NACIONES UNIDAS (Reuters) - Colombia dejó de ser un Estado fallido para convertirse en una nación atractiva por sus mejores condiciones de seguridad, dijo el miércoles el presidente Juan Manuel Santos al asegurar que el país avanza para alcanzar los objetivos de desarrollo del milenio.

Durante su intervención en la Cumbre de las Naciones Unidas sobre el avance en los Objetivos del Milenio, Santos destacó que a cinco años de la meta, Colombia ha logrado cumplir de forma anticipada el 16 por ciento de los indicadores y en el 32 por ciento de ellos se ha avanzado más de dos terceras partes de la meta.

“Hace apenas una década Colombia era considerada por muchos como un Estado fallido. Buena parte de nuestro territorio era ingobernable y vivíamos una guerra interna, con grupos terroristas

que atemorizaban a los ciudadanos y los desplazaban de sus hogares”, afirmó el presidente.

“Por fortuna, en la última década hemos dado un giro de 180 grados y ahora gracias a la seguridad todos nuestros alcaldes están en sus municipios, hay presencia de la fuerza pública en todo el territorio nacional, y despegamos en lo económico y lo social”, precisó.

El importante exportador de café ha estado enfrascado en una guerra interna de más de cuatro décadas contra el narcotráfico, guerrilleros izquierdistas y paramilitares de ultraderecha que ha cobrado cientos de vidas.

La nación sudamericana es considerada una de los mayores productoras mundiales de cocaína con unas 400 toneladas anuales y aunque la guerrilla ha sido diezmada por una ofensiva militar que ha contado con el apoyo de

Estados Unidos, sigue siendo una amenaza, según fuentes de seguridad.

Colombia fue, junto a Laos y Liberia, uno de los tres países invitados por el Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo para comentar sobre sus avances en el cumplimiento de las metas que fueron fijadas hace 10 años.

## POBREZA, SALUD Y DESEMPLEO

El mandatario colombiano, un economista y administrador de 59 años que reemplazó a Alvaro Uribe en agosto, reconoció que pese a los avances para cumplir la meta queda mucho por hacer.

Santos dijo que una de sus metas como presidente será reducir los niveles de pobreza en la nación, actualmente en un 46 por ciento, así como la indigencia que suma un 16 por ciento, a través de programas gubernamentales que inició su antecesor Uribe.

También anunció esfuerzos en el área educativa y de salud para mejorar las condiciones de vida de los colombianos más pobres y en el tema ambiental se comprometió a aumentar los programas de recuperación de bosques.

“Nuestra política social se fundamenta en brindarle oportunidades a la población de educarse, trabajar, adelantar emprendimientos y generar ingresos”, dijo el presidente.

“Nuestra meta, nuestro sueño, nuestra obsesión, es la de reducir sustancialmente la pobreza, reducir los niveles de desempleo a cifras de un dígito, y generar prosperidad social, es decir prosperidad con equidad, para todos los colombianos”, explicó.

El desempleo, que supera el 12 por ciento, es uno de los principales problemas sociales que enfrenta Colombia, pese a la recuperación de su economía.

Santos pidió avanzar en



Foto de archivo del presidente de Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos, tras asumir el mando en Bogotá, ago 7 2010. REUTERS/Jorge Silva

un marco internacional de comercio, en especial en la Ronda de Doha, para lograr más seguridad y confianza comercial y económica en el mundo, y profundizar el acceso equitativo de los países en desarrollo a los mercados internacionales. □

## Chávez llama a “demoler” opositores en elecciones del domingo

CARACAS (AP) - A cuatro días de las elecciones legislativas, el presidente Hugo Chávez instó el miércoles a sus seguidores a “demoler” a los opositores y ganarles por “nocaut” en las votaciones del domingo, mientras la máxima autoridad de la Iglesia católica local hizo un llamado al gobierno a respetar los resultados.

Rodeado de cientos de simpatizantes vestidos de las características franelas rojas, sus círculos de seguridad y algunos candidatos oficialistas, Chávez realizó el miércoles un recorrido en un camión por un populoso sector del oeste de la capital en la recta final de la campaña electoral.

“A ‘los escuálidos’ (opositores) los vamos a demoler para tener para continuar teniendo una Asamblea Nacional revolucionaria roja rojita”, dijo el mandatario durante una concentración del oficialismo en una plaza del centro de la capital, a escasas calles del palacio presidencial.

“Tenemos que ganar esta pelea el domingo bien ganada, por nocaut, porque después viene el 2011 y ya huele a 2012... Si Dios quiere y la Virgen en diciembre del 2012 el pueblo venezolano va a elegir

de nuevo presidente de la República y yo estoy listo para seguir con ustedes”, afirmó Chávez al reiterar sus intenciones de optar a la reelección para un tercer período. El gobernante izquierdista denunció, sin ofrecer pruebas, que dirigentes opositores han amenazado de que “no van a reconocer los resultados” ante una eventual derrota, y advirtió que darse actos violentos durante los comicios del 26 de septiembre los sectores oficialistas “defenderemos el triunfo del pueblo en las calles”.

A pesar de las recientes denuncias realizadas por la oposición sobre el uso de recursos del Estado en la campaña oficialista, un fotógrafo de la AP observó en el evento del mandatario numerosos empleados públicos y vehículos oficiales participando abiertamente en el acto. Algunas autoridades electorales, que simpatizan con el gobierno, han defendido la participación de Chávez en la campaña electoral asegurando que eso forma parte de sus derechos políticos.

Al finalizar su recorrido en Caracas el mandatario se trasladó al estado centro costero de Aragua para proseguir los actos de campaña electoral que culmina el jueves. □



Acompañado por candidatos de su partido, el presidente de Venezuela Hugo Chávez, centro, saluda a sus partidarios. (AP Photo/Fernando Llano)





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